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BRITAIN AT WAR WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT

R.A.F. HERO

LANDED WITHOUT PROPS

Although his plane lost both propellers and sustained other damage in an encounter with five German fighters and A.A. fire, the pilot of a British bomber which raided oil tanks near Rotterdam during daylight on Thursday made a safe landing in England.

The bomber was hit by a shell through the nose after dropping bombs on the target.

Immediately afterwards five Messerschmidts appeared and returned again and again to the attack before breaking off.

Oil was pouring from the bomber's port engine, which soon stopped, and one propeller dropped off.

The pilot brought the machine back over the North Sea but soon after crossing the second propeller, which had been damaged in the encounter, dropped away.

Nevertheless the pilot brought the bomber down and made a safe landing in a field.—Reuter.



WELLINGTONIAN WIT—
Night after night, Wellington long range bombers carry out raids over Germany. In one of these Wellington Squadrons, a Pilot has this amusing black and white drawing on the side of his aircraft. (Air Ministry Photograph).

CONSULTATION ON IRAQ

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD HALIFAX, CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE POSITION IN IRAQ.—REUTER.

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN TOBRUK AREA

THE R.A.F. BOMBED and machine-gunned enemy transport near Acroma, in the Tobruk area, and many direct hits were observed on lorries and casualties were caused among troops, says a British Middle East R.A.F. communiqué.

Three fighters of a large number of enemy dive-bombers and fighters which appeared over Tobruk to support the operations of ground troops were shot down in flames by British fighters.

British bombers continued their attacks on enemy positions and communications, as well as affording protection to British forces against attack from the air during ground operations.

During Wednesday and Thurs-

APPEAL TO IRAQI PEOPLE

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ TO EXPEL THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS BROADCAST IN THE B.B.C. ARABIC SERVICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SAYS—REUTER FROM LONDON.

Fighting In Progress: Iraq Premier Asks Berlin For Help!

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT BRITISH TROOPS, IN REPLY TO FIRE FROM IRAQI TROOPS, TOOK THE NECESSARY COUNTER-ACTION FIGHTING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PROGRESS. IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE IRAQ PREMIER HAS APPEALED TO BERLIN FOR ASSISTANCE.

It was the concentration of Iraqi troops around Habbaniyah (where the R.A.F. has a large air base) which led to the unfortunate clash with British forces stationed there, it was learned in London.

Despite requests for their withdrawal, these Iraqi troops were reinforced on Thursday, and early yesterday morning they opened fire on the cantonments, obliging the British troops to take the necessary counter-action. Fighting continued throughout the day and is believed to be still in progress.

It will be recalled that when Rashid Ali, supported by certain high army leaders, seized power by force a month ago, he declared publicly his intention to honour the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance.

Consequently, when the British Government notified their desire to open a line of communications through Iraq for the British forces, in accordance with arrangements made with the Iraqi Government a year ago, he agreed

and troops landed at Basra without incident.

When, however, some days later a further contingent was notified, the Iraqi authorities declared they were unwilling to grant permission for further British troops to arrive in Iraq before those which

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"BRITANNIA"
SUNK BY
NAZI RAIDER

An enemy raider has sunk the British steamer Britannia, of 8,000 tons, according to an official announcement made in Simla yesterday.

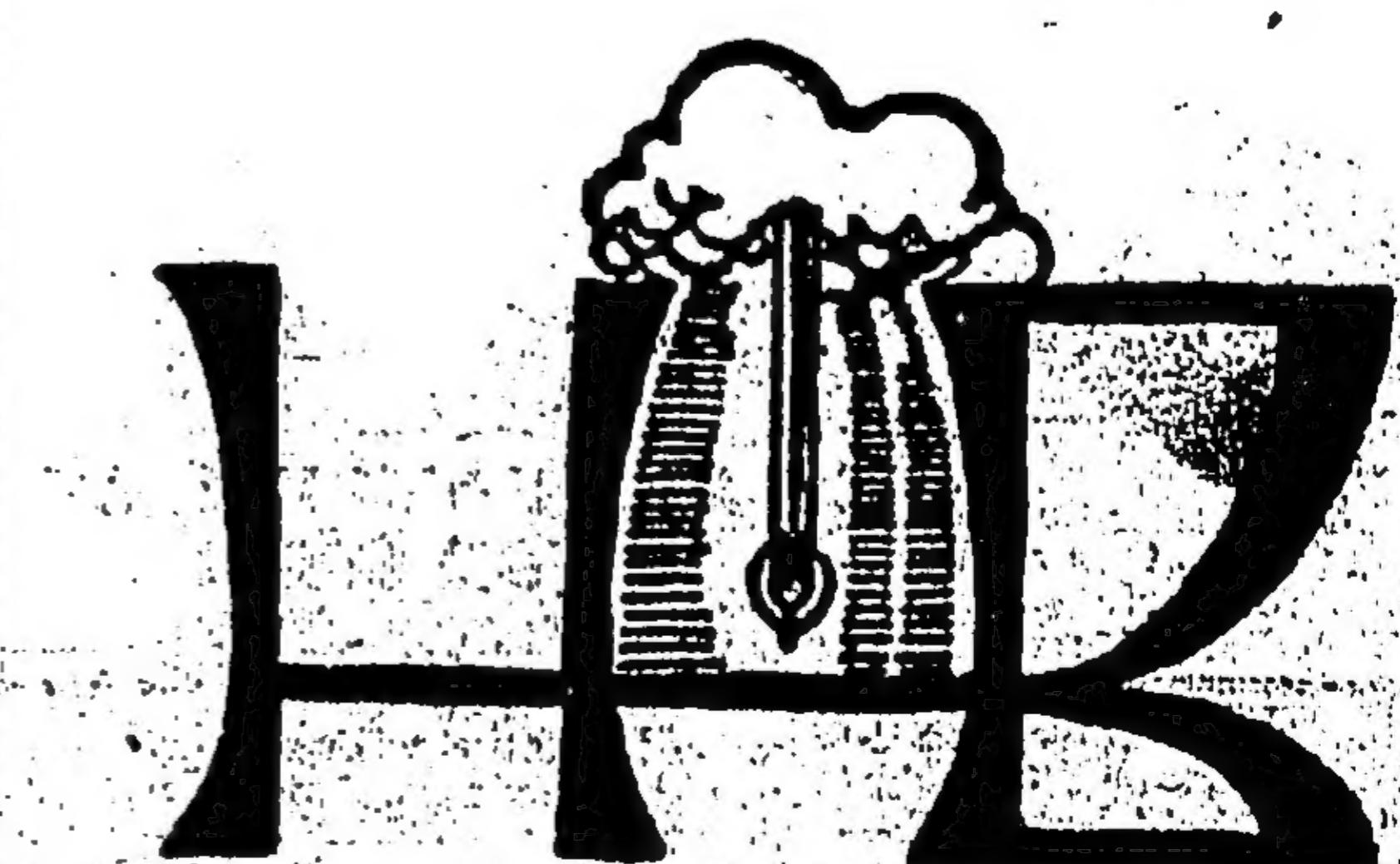
The steamer left England for India towards the end of February. Nineteen civilians, nine military passengers and part of the crew hitherto are known to be safe.—Reuter.

Thumbs Up, Not Hands Up

Predicting an eventual British victory in a fight to a finish, after which we should enjoy "the shape of things," the British Minister in Washington, Sir Gerald Campbell, described in a speech yesterday the British motto as "thumbs up," not hands up."

He added Britain needed equipment very badly and very quickly. The self-interest of Americans must decide whether the United States should enter the war.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

U.S.A. SHOULD ENTER THE WAR

First Suggestion By A Leading American Newspaper

NAZI U-BOAT ACE MISSING

Neutral sources in Berlin confirm that the German U-boat ace, Lt.-Com. Prien, has been missing since April 13, Reuter learns.

According to the Nazis, Prien sank H.M.S. Royal Oak in Scapa Flow as well as some 200,000 tons of merchant shipping. — Reuter.

U.S. BOND SUCCESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TREASURY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ARE ELATED OVER REPORTS FROM FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS THAT THE FIRST DAY SALES OF DEFENCE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS WERE GREATER THAN EXPECTED.

New York City post office was obliged to ask the Treasury for more stamps, so great was the demand.

President Roosevelt launched the sale with the purchase of a \$500 Bond for his wife and ten 25-cent stamps; one for each grandchild. International News Service.

F.R.B. IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Despite the fact that Federal Reserve Bank cheques are not received by all Chinese banks in Shanghai it is learned that the Bank has intimated its willingness to join the Bankers' Association provided it is ranked of equal status as Chungking-sponsored banks.

An important rule of the Association demands membership after three years actual banking business. Nanking circles expect the Bank's admission in the near future. — International News Service.

NEW KIDNAPPING IN SHANGHAI

Mr. and Mrs. Chang Shu-ju were kidnapped with their child and wet nurse outside their residence in Yu Yuen Road in the western district of Shanghai yesterday while they were returning home. The child and wet nurse were later released. The kidnappers are believed to be agents of the Nanking regime.

Mrs. Chang (nee Chow Ching-tsal) serves as secretary in the First Special District Court. Her elder brother, Mr. Chow Hsiao-po, who was formerly connected with the Executive Yuan, was also kidnapped last year by agents of the Nanking regime in the western district of Shanghai and has not yet been released. — Central News.

ENEMY 'PLANE OVER ALEX

Enemy aircraft were over Alexandria between 9.20 and 10.30 on Thursday night. It was revealed in Cairo yesterday. No damage was done and there were no casualties. — Reuter.

"The Hour Of Decision Has Come"

WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE FIRST SUGGESTION BY A LEADING AMERICAN NEWSPAPER THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENTER THE WAR, WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE INFLUENTIAL REPUBLICAN ORGAN "BALTIMORE SUN."

In a double column front page editorial headed "Britain must not stand alone," the "Sun" says that the hour of decision has come.

"It is imperative for the United States to determine whether her safety and security will be more surely preserved by protecting Britain or by standing alone on her own soil.

POLICE LABOUR UNREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE RECENTLY-ESTABLISHED WESTERN AREA SPECIAL POLICE FORCE IN SHANGHAI EXPERIENCED ITS FIRST LABOUR UNREST YESTERDAY AMONG 1,000 CHINESE CONSTABLES.

Seven hundred, transferred from the City Government Bureau, receive \$30 a month pay, whilst 300, formerly with the S.M.P., are paid \$165.

The great difference in the pay of constables of similar grade is the main cause of the dissatisfaction. — International News Service.

AMERICANS TRAIN IN BRITAIN

THE U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT A NUMBER OF JUNIOR AIR CORPS OFFICERS ARE GOING TO ENGLAND AS MILITARY OBSERVERS.

Some will cross the Atlantic in planes bought by Britain from the United States.

Idea is to build up a group of officers with training in combat service and to obtain information about the performance of British and American-built aircraft. — Reuter.

LOWER WORK HOURS FOR SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai Power Company's additional surcharge on electric power is now forcing industrialists to devise ways and means of operation reduction, states the Council's Industrial Section April report.

Certain plants are considering a reduction in daily working hours, providing an hour for lunch with rest pauses morning and afternoon, with the object of keeping production at the highest level in spite of fewer hours. — International News Service.

AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Another American Red Cross ship has arrived at the Spanish port of Huelva with a large cargo of wheat, condensed milk and medicines.

This is the fourth American Red Cross ship to bring help to Spain. — Reuter.

MR. MENZIES AT THE PALACE

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, says Reuter from London.



BRIGHTON HAS A "GAS WARNING" TEST — Brighton recently held a "gas warning" test, in which police and A.R.P. workers cooperated. A mild form of gas was released and those without their masks were soon rubbing their eyes. Photo shows a woman wearing her gas mask buying her milk from a masked milkman. (Copyright, Fox).

Dog Dug, Saved Two In Debris

(By A Special Correspondent)

THIS IS THE STORY OF VIC, a faithful little mongrel, which, during an air raid on the Birmingham area, saved the life of his mistress, Mrs. Beatrice Fahy, and his young master, seventeen-year-old Joseph Fahy. Mrs. Fahy's husband was killed in the raid.

Vic saw his mistress and young master safely into hospital, but the parting was too much for him. He returned to the ruins of his home and for days walked the streets crying. Brokenhearted, his condition was so pitiful that he had to be destroyed.

In a hostel in Amesbury Road, Birmingham, where she is now living until she can find a new home, Mrs. Fahy told how Vic had saved her and her son, who is still in hospital.

"We have had Vic since he was a puppy," Mrs. Fahy said. "He was a cross between a bull terrier and a fox terrier."

"We always went into the pantry at home when the sirens sounded. As soon as he heard them Vic would run to me and start pulling at my skirts. Then he would drag my husband and my son by their trousers into the pantry."

Couldn't Move

"On the night our house was completely destroyed, I had Vic on my lap in the pantry. Bombs were falling all round us."

"My husband went into the street to put out some incendiaries, and was hit and killed."

"My son Joe then came in and stayed with me and Vic in the pantry. Two bombs fell on our house, and I can only just remember the hundreds of bricks tumbling down on us."

"For two hours I lay unconscious under piles of debris. My son was also pinned."

"In the darkness I could hear my boy asking me if I was all right. Neither of us could move and we were both struggling for breath."

"I could hear a lot of scratching, and then felt Vic's paws tearing the earth away from near my face. He was panting and I could hear him tearing a hole out through the debris."

"He must have been working at it for three or four hours. He was running between me and my son, gradually uncovering the pair of us. Then a streak of light came through."

Found Hospital

"The rescue party above shouting down to us, and one of them lifted Vic up through the hole he had made. Then they got my son and me out."

"Vic found his way to the hospital to which we were taken. When my sister visited me there she told me he had been hanging around our old ruined home for days howling and refusing food or drink."

"When I came out of hospital he was at my sister's home. When he saw me he nearly went mad with delight. He was jumping all over me and licking my face and hands."

"My sister had done her best for him, but he was terribly ill and nervous. The loss of his master must have broken his heart. I felt there was only one thing to do — to have him destroyed."

"If he had not made that hole, we would both have been suffocated."

"Fictionally Fantastic"

British Escape From Greece

Thrilling Stories Of Evacuation: Gallant Greek Policeman

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent, Evacuated With The British Forces From Greece)

HOW THOUSANDS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS LAY ON GREEK BEACHES FOR 24 HOURS, SURROUNDED BY THE GERMANS, AND YET ESCAPED — HOW A GREEK POLICEMAN SAVED A FURTHER BATCH OF TROOPS — HOW A BRITISH COLONEL CAPTURED BY PARACHUTISTS ESCAPED AND REACHED A BRITISH DESTROYER — THESE AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER INDIVIDUAL STORIES MAKE THE EVACUATION FROM GREECE APPEAR FICTIONALLY FANTASTIC.

A thousand troops under a British brigadier reached the coast in the neighbourhood of Farina, according to plan, where they awaited naval craft for 24 hours.

The Germans were now on their trail and actually reached the coast on both sides of them as well as occupying the roadway to the west.

The Germans had over 100 tanks lined up but did not press forward to the coast. Enemy aircraft roared overhead all day but failed to spot the Britishers.

After lying hidden in bushes and cornfields all day a destroyer loomed up and took them off in safety.

"Had German patrols advanced along the roadway we dared not have fired," one of the escaped soldiers told me, "because it would have given away our positions, but we had arranged a private party of garrisons waiting along the roadside to dispatch any Germans approaching."

A Gallant Greek

Another party of Britishers reached a village on the Peloponese coast with German mechanised forces roaring behind them only half a mile away, and were saved by a gallant Greek policeman, who directed the Germans to the right while the British had taken the left.

Another extraordinary escape was that of a colonel who, with a small detachment of men, was motoring post-haste from Athens along the coastal road through Megara to Corinth.

HE SUDDENLY FOUND A ROAD BLOCK WHICH HE EXPECTED TO BE MANNELED BY GREEK SOLDIERS. BUT TO HIS SURPRISE A GERMAN LIEUTENANT, IN CHARGE OF EIGHT PARACHUTISTS, LEAPT ON HIS RUNNING BOARD WITH DRAWN REVOLVER.

Escape Into Woods

The German requested the colonel to drive back to Athens while the Germans followed in commandeered Greek cars.

It was pitch dark and no sooner had the colonel got several miles down the road than he stopped the car and, with the driver, dived into the woods.

After walking several miles, he found another prearranged beach around Megara, where a British destroyer took him and his companion off.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI UTILITY INCREASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai utility companies plan another rate increase shortly.

The China General Omnibus Co. has already filed an application to raise fares, while the tram, water and gas companies are planning similar steps.

At the annual meeting of the Omnibus Co., the chairman stressed increasing costs, and labour troubles resulting in a loss of revenue of over \$200,000.—International News Service.

NIGHTSOIL COOLIES PARADE

Some 300 members of the Luen Yip Guild (night-soil coolie organisation) paraded through the streets yesterday afternoon and "parked" themselves outside the General Post Office while a deputation proceeded inside the building with a petition for the Administrative Assistant of the Urban Council

The reason for Government's decision to take over control of night-soil removal in the Colony was once again explained to them and they were again advised to register with the Urban Council for employment which will be considered in the event of vacancies since most of the coolies needed for the work had already been recruited.

SAYS SHELTERS ARE CRUMBLING

Some of the brick surface shelters put up after raids began were so hurriedly built and the material and building were so poor that the shelters are now falling down, Lord Horder declared.

The bricks were flaking, and a penknife could be put through both mortar and bricks.

There was no doubt that the shelters did offer protection because during the bad blitz these stood up well, and there was a relatively small number of casualties despite the poor workmanship.

But he thought they should be taken down because of the moral effect on the people, and they should be replaced with newer models fitted with bunkers.

Lord Horder had just made a tour of shelters in the Midlands.

He said he had found no such thing as an ideal public air-raid shelter.

Both from the point of view of health and safety the best thing was to disperse people, and this could best be done by the provision of domestic shelters.

U.S. TO FREEZE ALL FOREIGN CREDITS?

The question of freezing all foreign assets in the United States is under consideration, Secretary of State Cordell Hull stated at his press conference yesterday.

This would be done if it was deemed feasible and advisable, he said, but did not indicate that action was imminent.—Reuter.

WATCH ON LOOTERS

After the fire-watchers, the looter-watchers.

Anger has been aroused everywhere, by despicable thefts from bomb-ruined homes, and the police, overburdened with additional duties since war broke out, have found it difficult to deal with the situation.

The Mayor of Deptford, Councillor C. G. Blanchard, has instituted a new method of trapping the looter. He has appealed to people living next door, or near, to bombed houses to keep a watch for unauthorized persons moving about bombed property.

Soldiers Are Victims

The looter-watchers are asked to challenge trespassers or to get in touch with the police.

"We have had a large number of complaints about petty thieving," said the Mayor. "People who have been bombed out return to salvage some of their possessions and find the looter has been there."

"Soldiers have been among the victims, and their letters to me state in no uncertain way what they would like to do to the thieves."

"Neighbours who undertake to watch will not be expected to keep regular hours of duty. But it is hoped they will keep a look-out at intervals."

"The looters will think twice if they know that people are watching them in a systematic way."



AN INCENDIARY BOMB GRAB—Mr. G. Garrard of Shepherds Bush has invented an incendiary "Bomb Grab" which he has patented. The Bomb Grab weighs ten pounds and can be used by housewives with the same simplicity as a carpet sweeper. It is made of sheet metal lined with asbestos and can be produced at reasonable cost. It has been seen and approved by the A.R.P. Photo shows Mrs. Garrard, wife of the inventor, demonstrating the Bomb Grab. (Copyright, Fox.)

Man Who Wrote To Premier

(By A Special Correspondent)

YOU HAVE LISTENED to many radio broadcasters on war problems—Cabinet Ministers, higher Civil Servants, "distinguished persons" of all departments. Soon you will hear an honest-to-goodness British workman in a talk on the air, giving the reactions of the average London worker.

He is Mr. Leslie Merrion, Enfield, foreman bricklayer for the London Co-operative Society.

It came about this way. For some time Leslie Merrion has listened to various talks on the air, and thought to himself what a need there was for someone to speak from a worker's point of view. He wrote to Mr. Churchill as an ex-member of his own Union and told him so.

Busy Man

Result, Leslie Merrion has been asked by the B.B.C. to speak in a series, which includes Ernest Bevin and George Gibson. The talk will be relayed to Australia.

I found Mr. Merrion at work on a damaged shelter in North London. I was lucky to catch him, for he must be in the running for the position of busiest man in London.

Here are a few of the jobs he covers in his spare time, Secretary of the Tottenham Branch of the A.U.B.T.W., their representative on the Military Hardship Tribunal, member of the Court of Referees and of the Local Employment Committee at Enfield, and member of Enfield Trades Council, representative to the local

When I met him he had just sent his script for Broadcasting House's scrutiny. He wrote it in the time he usually reserves for extra jobs, just before going to work at four o'clock in the morning, after which his wife ran her eye over it and passed it.

"With the best will in the world these people in exalted positions cannot know just what the average worker is thinking and feeling and how he is reacting to the war," he told me.

Square Deal Plea

"As a working Trade Unionist, a warden, and as a man whose work takes him from one district to another I have a good chance of knowing."

"I am asking for reassurance, not merely that the people will get a square deal, but that they will get a square deal now. Given that assurance, I am convinced that our morale is invincible, and Hitler has got to be beaten!"

There are many humorous little stories in Mr. Merrion's script.

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ONE OF GREATEST FEATS OF ARMS IN BRITISH HISTORY

GENERAL SIR Thomas Blamey, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, who commanded British troops in Greece, has reported that the Empire forces before the German attack numbered some 55,000 or 56,000, declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. Paul Spender, in Melbourne yesterday.

Mr. Spender added that General Blamey's generalship was unquestionably one of the greatest feats of arms in British history.

Meanwhile New Zealand losses in Greece were announced yesterday by the Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, in Wellington, as between 100 and 200 killed, between 500 and 600 wounded and 800 missing.

"We are in good heart," was the message of the New Zealand Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Freyberg, V.C., to Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser said that except for stragglers the New Zealand division had been kept intact, carrying out a very difficult role.

Magnificent Stand

The high opinion of the New Zealanders' qualities was fully justified.

Mr. Fraser has cabled General Freyberg that the information has greatly relieved and inspired the whole Dominion.

He added the Government's gratitude and congratulations for a truly magnificent stand in the face of overwhelming odds. — Reuter.

THIEF AIDED THE HUN

Because thieves stole a civil defence car from outside a London house during an air raid, people severely injured had to suffer half-an-hour longer before they could be given medical aid.

Though they must have known from the label stuck on the window-pane that the car was used for emergency work, the thieves drove it away and wrecked it.

The car, which was standing in Lloyds Square, King's Cross, belonged to Mr. C. Troke, assistant to Finsbury Medical Officer for Civil Defence. He had to walk to bombed homes.

"It was lucky there were not a large number of casualties, or the delay might have cost dozens of lives," he told a reporter. "As it was thirty people had to endure terrible suffering longer than they need have done."

"There was a civil defence label on the windscreen of the car. This was torn off when the car was found wrecked, a quarter of a mile away."

"The car is a total loss — a serious matter when we need all the cars we can get for civil defence."

FRITZ KREISLER WORSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, who is suffering from injuries received in a New York street accident, has suffered a relapse and is semi-conscious. A hospital bulletin says his condition is "not so good." — International News Service.

INVADED BY SHEEP

Herdwicks — nimble mountain sheep — have been reported to a Government department because of their misdeeds.

Thousands of these little animals have been brought down from their fells and mountains in the north of England to graze on pastures near the towns before they find their way to the nation's dinner table.

The sheep are so agile, however, that allotment holders near Barrow-in-Furness, on the edge of the Lake District, are protesting that hedges and fences cannot keep them from their crops.

"Herdwicks can leap and climb like goats," Alderman Bram Longstaffe told a reporter, "and a number of allotment holders have protested to our advice bureau that crops have been consumed by the woolly invaders."

"Fences and hedges are apparently no barrier to these active little chaps, and they can eat up crops like a plague of locusts."

"We have even had them reported as entering one of our parks and cleaning up the flower beds."

"This is a problem that may be applicable to other parts of the country, because thousands of Herdwicks have been bought up, apparently by a syndicate, and loaned to farmers over a wide area of the north for pasture."

TRAFFIC IN STOLEN ARMY PROPERTY

Trafficking in stolen Army equipment is regarded as a very serious offence, an Army officer told the Old Street Magistrate.

Before the Court was Harold Taylor (19), described as a button coverer, of Shorter-court, Stepney, who was charged with possessing a service respirator and baversack issued for the use of a soldier.

The Magistrate (Mr. F. O. Langley) said that any person found to be in unlawful possession of Army property was liable to a \$20 fine or six months' imprisonment, and could be ordered to pay treble the value of the property.

Taylor stated that he was a fire-fighting volunteer, and bought the respirator for 3s. 6d. from "a chap he did not know." The celluloid on his own mask was broken.

Detective Bailey said that there was a lot of this trafficking going on.

Taylor was remanded on bail for two weeks.

BIG ADVANCES IN HOME ISSUES

Interest on the London Stock Exchange yesterday shifted to home rails, which advanced strongly on good demand attributed to unification talk. Gilt-edged paused after further early gains and closed unchanged to a shade lower. Industria's recorded small scattered gains but oil's tended easier. Diamonds were firm and Kaffirs, apart from local buying of non-producers, were quiet. Foreign issues were idle. Wall Street was firmer.—Reuter.

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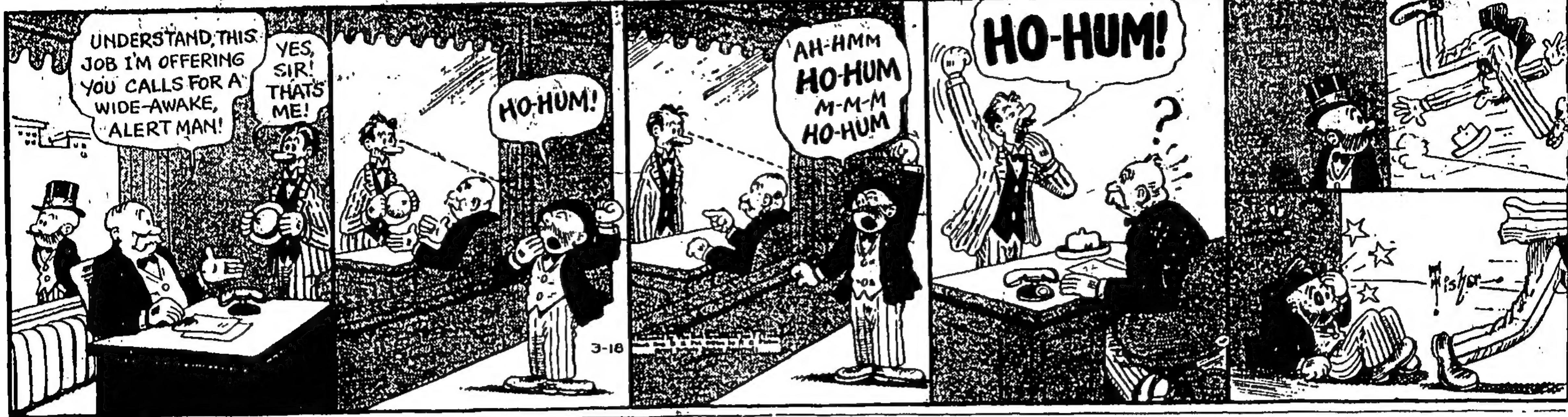
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TYPISTS PREFER FACTORY JOBS NOW

(From A Special Correspondent)

SHORTHAND-TYPISTS are leaving Government departments for better jobs in private offices or munition factories. Others are joining the women's Services. The acute shortage of stenographers, many of whom used to find it difficult to get jobs, is slowing up important Government work.

"The only way for the Government to get these girls back is to increase their salaries," said Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association. "We are raising the whole question of the pay of temporary staff."

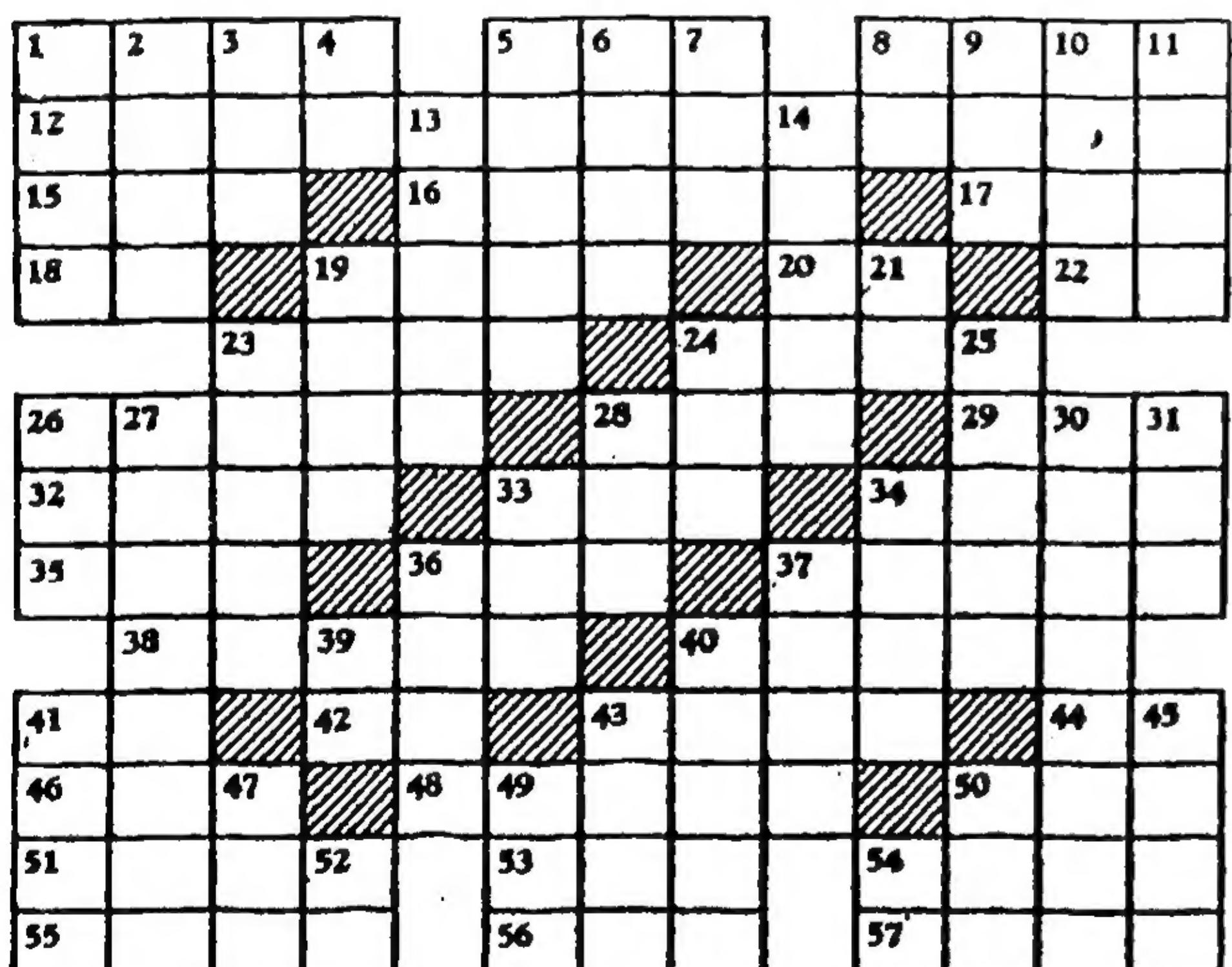
Temporary shorthand-typists over twenty-five years old in Government offices get a maximum of 52s, or 57s, a week according to grade. The maximum for permanent staff is 75s, a week for shorthand-typists and 60s. for copy-typists.

Catch 'Em Young

"On piecework in factories girls get much higher wages. They can now find well-paid jobs in private offices, replacing men called up. For responsible jobs they get more money."

"The Government is doing nothing to attract girls. It's help the war effort."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Pertaining to the Isle of Man
5 Trouble
8 Opera by Verdi
12 Erroneous in date
15 Canine
16 Brownies
17 Hindi weight
18 Printer's measure
19 To escape
20 Thus
22 Symbol for tellurium
23 Bothers
24 Mound of sand
25 Beast of burden
26 Roman bronze
27 Male
28 Spindle
29 Part of 'to be'
30 To assist
31 Dower
32 To request
33 Each
34 To extend
35 Egyptian capital
36 Mixed type
37 Roman gods
38 Colloquial cut-up

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MOTHER OF 7 IS RAIL PORTER

Most mothers of seven children who have been up since six, doing housework and cooking breakfasts and dinners for her family, would be thinking of taking an afternoon nap by 2 p.m., but this is the time when one woman starts the second half of her day's work.

She is Mrs Iris Hardman, of Esmere Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, a porter at New Street Station, Birmingham, who finishes her second spell of work at 10 p.m. provided there is no air raid.

Mrs. Hardman is forty-two, and she works for seven days a week handling soldiers' heavy kitbags and pushing trucks up and down the platform.

With her cap slung at a rakish angle over her blonde hair, her lips neatly rouged, and wearing smart silk stockings she looks ten years younger.

"My eldest daughter is nineteen and is marrying in a week or two," Mrs. Hardman told a reporter. "My youngest is six. When my two youngest children were evacuated recently I felt it was my duty to help my country, as the rest of the family are out at work all day."

"I got a job here and I like the work but it means my getting up at six every morning and cooking breakfasts for seven of us. Then I rush round doing the housework."

CARELESS TALK ON TELEPHONE

A business man was admonished at Edinburgh for having talked carelessly on the telephone.

It was the first prosecution of the kind in Scotland, and was brought under the section of the Defence Regulations which states that "No person shall obtain or communicate any information in regard to number, description, armament, equipment, disposition, movement or condition of H.M. Forces, vessels, or aircraft."

The maximum penalty is £100 and three months' imprisonment.

The case was heard in camera and a statement made to the Press afterwards.

It was stated that the subject of the charge was mentioned to a business associate and personal friend.

Sheriff Robertson said it was gossip which in itself might not be of any use to anybody, but, along with other items, it might have been collated into something useful to the enemy.

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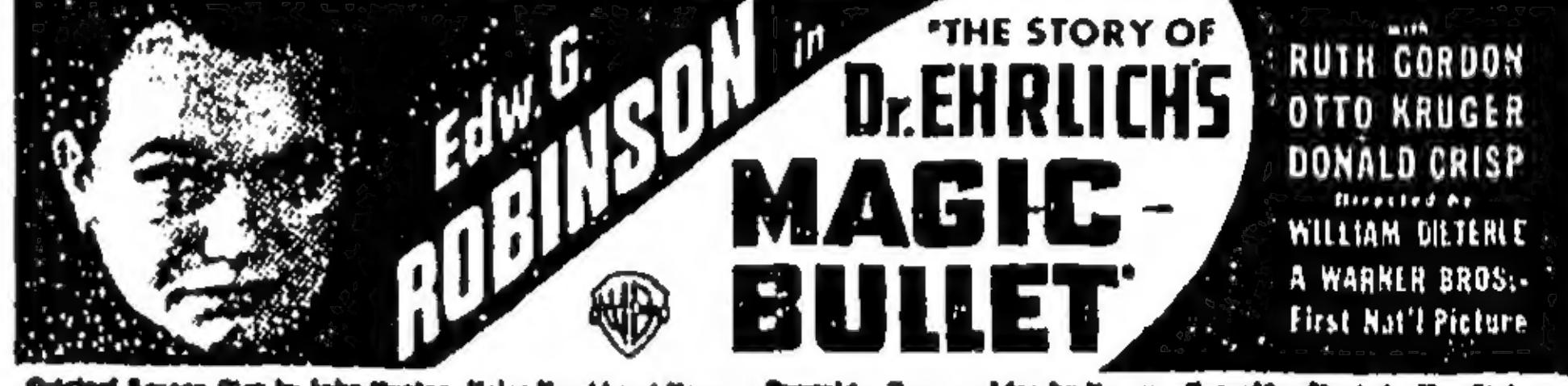
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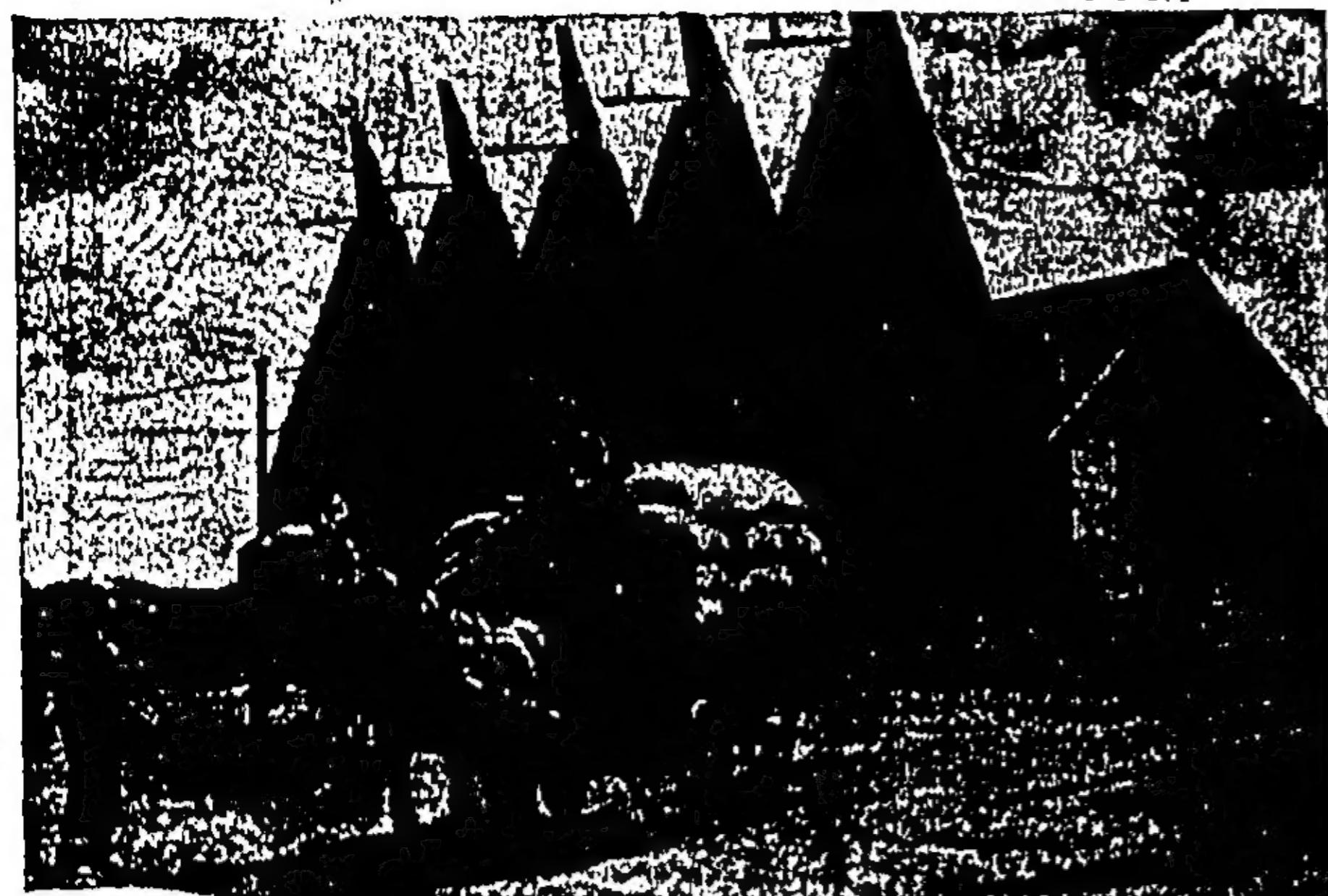
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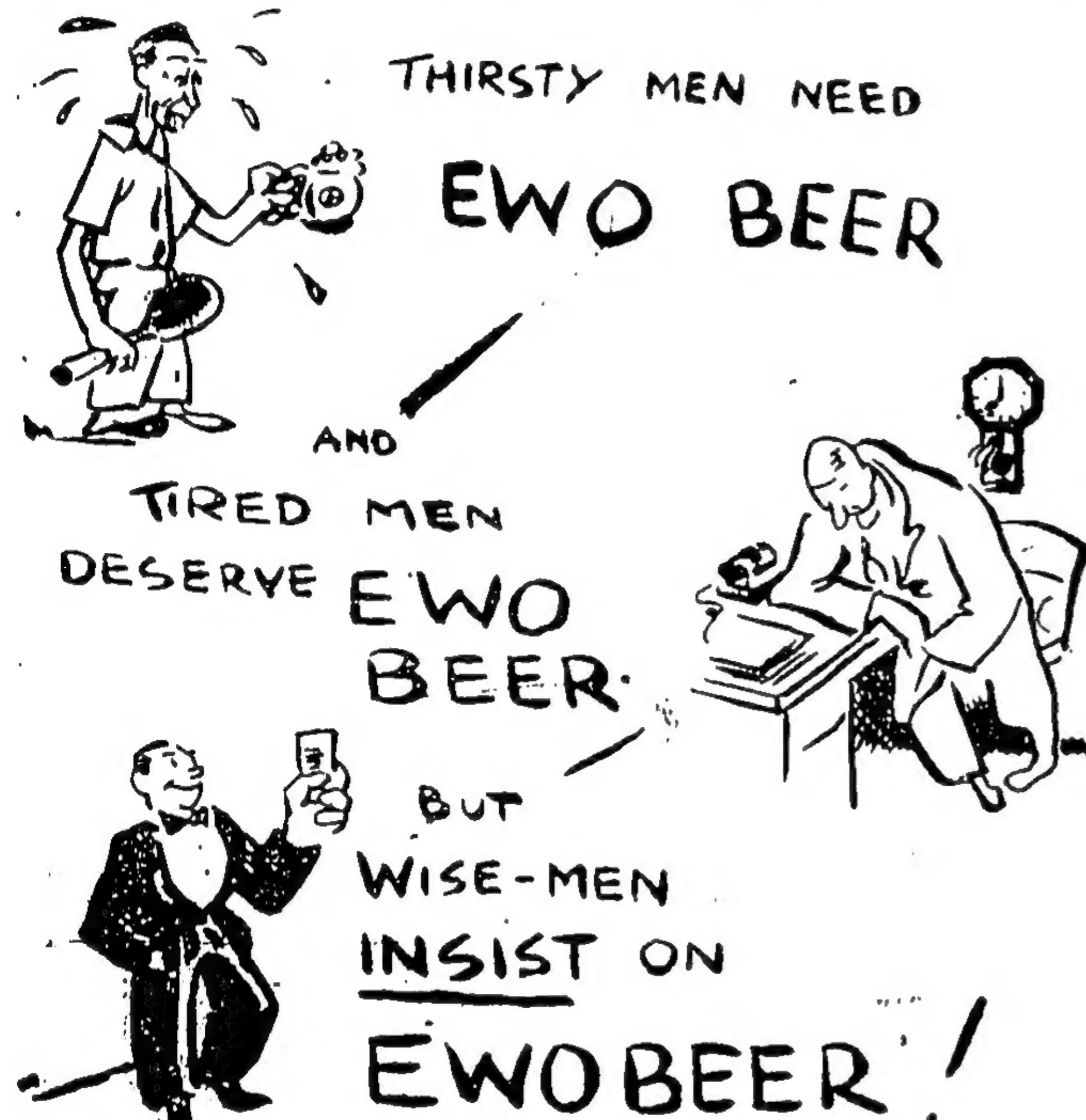
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SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. TACTICS OVER REICH

A REVIEW of British Fighter Command operations for the first three months of 1941 is now possible, and shows that the R.A.F. is taking the offensive against Germany after its great defensive victory in the Battle of Britain. This fighter offensive falls under four main heads. Two of these concern daylight operations—first escorting bombers in attacks on aerodromes and invasion ports, and second, offensive patrols in which squadrons of fighters "beat up" enemy aerodromes, troops ships or any other military objectives they come across.

Night operations, on which the enemy is now relying for his chief air offensive, are countered by the Fighter Command in two ways. Firstly by improved methods of interception, which result in a higher proportion of raiders being destroyed, and secondly by "watch and wait" tactics by R.A.F. machines over aerodromes to which the enemy will return after night raids.

In the defence of Britain and across the Channel with 25 yards of copper wire around his air-screw and fuselage.

Two men figure prominently in the life of *Kitty Foyle*, the white-collar heroine of Christopher Morley's novel of the same name, which R.K.O. Radio has brought to the screen with Ginger Rogers starred in the title role. Here we see James Craig as the steady Mark Eisen and Ginger as Kitty. Dennis Morgan is co-featured with Craig as the other disturber, Wyn Stratford. Showing at the King's.

Night Fighting

German bomber crews, having endured the perils of night fighter patrols, anti-aircraft fire and other defences—all of them increasingly dangerous—might well expect to be able to breathe a sigh of relief when they come within sight of their home aerodromes.

Instead it is now very possible that fighters and bombers of the R.A.F. will be circling around on their tails with the express purpose of "plipping them on the post."

This new development in the activities of the R.A.F. fighters has met with considerable success, and it may well be assumed that the moral effect will be even more damaging than the actual amount of destruction caused.

On several occasions R.A.F. bombers have crossed the Channel escorted by nearly 100 fighters. No determined opposition was encountered, and on one occasion attacks on Boulogne, Dunkirk and Calais resulted in "direct hits on all prescribed targets." The Germans are now experiencing the same sort of treatment they used to meet out almost every day to the English side of the Channel.

Their counter-measures cannot compare with those of the British. Their fighters have never been able to deflect bombers from their jobs, and instead have suffered heavy losses. Offensive patrols, too, are consistently successful. Carried out at low altitudes, often in the face of accurate and determined gunfire they have sought out a variety of targets. Sometimes the pilots, in attacking patrol boats, come down almost to sea level and ram them with bullets. Aerodromes, troops, transports—every manifestation of enemy activity has received attention.

Exciting Forays

As might be expected, keen and daring pilots of the allied air forces find particular pleasure in such forays. Here is a brief account of what three of them did in their Hurricanes over northern France one day in January.

One of these men flew over from Britain to the coast of France, avoiding two sections of Messerschmidts over the coast. He then dived on to five M. E. 109's parked near some woods, in the face of concentrated "flak," and sent their crews running for shelter. He then raked army lorries, scattering their crews in fields and attacked two machine-gun posts. He also fired at some barges.

The second came down from a cloud over an aerodrome and fired at two M. E. 109's about to take off, and saw one topple over. He held a dive at a gun post as long as possible, so that he caught one of his wings on protecting sandbags and had his wind-screen splintered by return fire. He shot up to the clouds again, safely, and came down for a third time, using his remaining bullets on a column of soldiers.

The third saw a number of Messerschmidts dispersed among some trees and dived on them with his guns blazing. He came so low in his dive that he flew into some high-tension cables and returned

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LEGLESS PILOT GETS TWO WISHES

(By A Special Correspondent)

ONE OF HIS two reasons for wanting to walk again has been fulfilled by Flight-Lieutenant John R. Irving Bell.

He has no legs—he lost them last year in a training accident—and in hospital he vowed that one day he would fly again.

That was before he met Miss Adria Charnock-Smith, a pretty young member of the W.A.A.F. who came to visit him. She gave

AMERICA'S "GROWING RESOLVE TO FIGHT"

The Rev. E. H. S. Chandler, who is in Britain on a short mission as representative of the non-Catholic churches of America speaking in the City Temple, London, said that there was a growing goodwill, particularly on the part of the churches, in America towards England.

"There is, in America, an increasing realisation of our common aims, our common ideals," he said.

"There is a growing resolve to work, and, if need be, to fight for you."

"I can assure you of the growing unity of our people, and their deepening resolve to aid you in every possible way, in a war that we know is not your war, but is our common task in the world."

him his second reason for wanting to walk.

The couple fell in love, and the officer declared it wouldn't be long before he'd walk down the aisle with Adria.

He got his wish. The new Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bell are on their honeymoon.

They were married at a country church, and as they left the church planes piloted by the officer's colleagues circled and dipped in salute.

Wants To Fight

His mother, Mrs. H. Irving Bell of Esher, Surrey, told me "My son's one ambition now is to fly again."

"He is back at work as an instructor, but he won't be happy until he is with a fighter squadron."

Flight-Lieutenant Bell amazed doctors when he forced himself to walk unaided as soon as his artificial legs had been fitted. He dances and can play a good game of golf.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charnock-Smith, of Hastings.

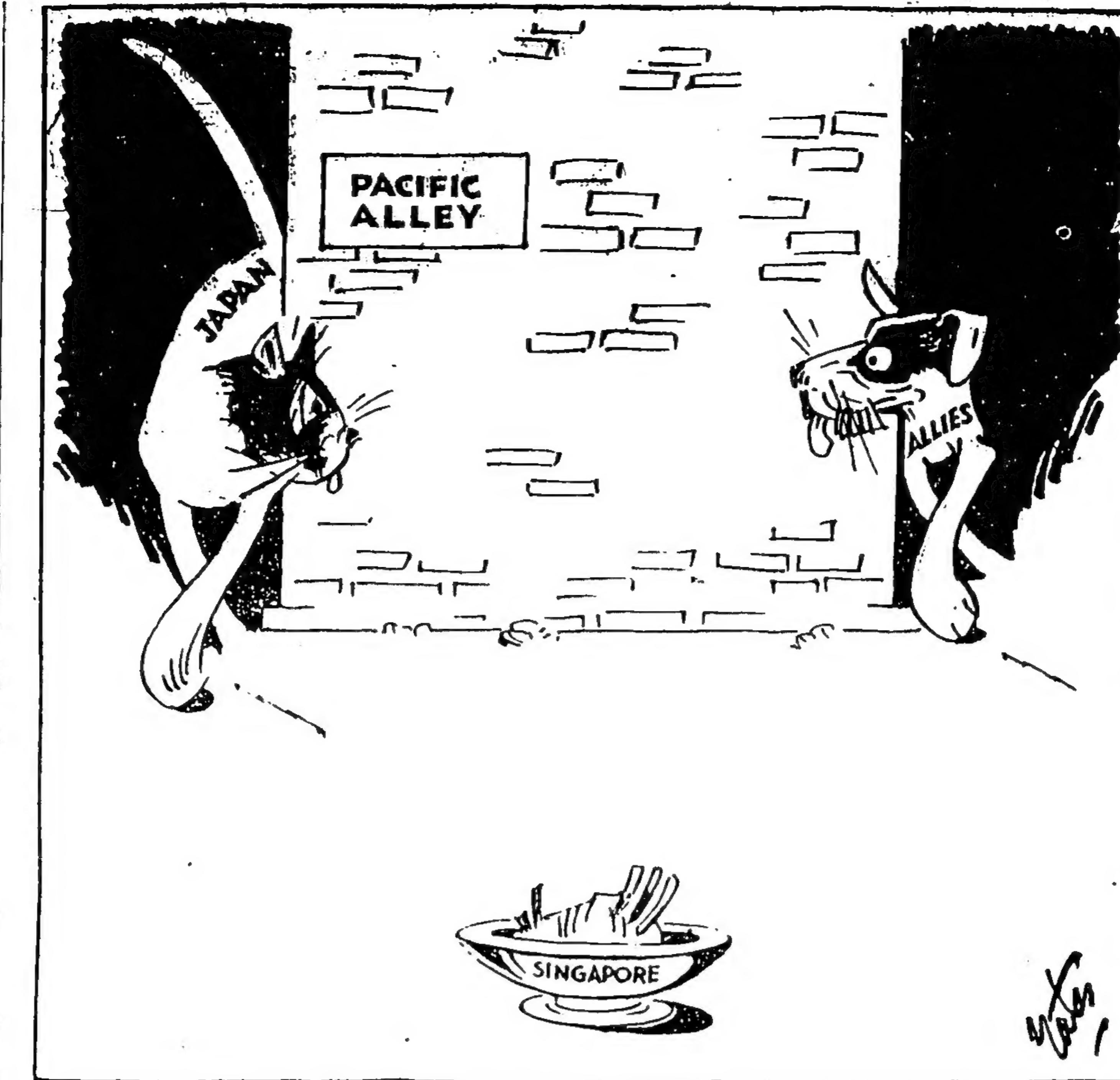
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DALADIER

The rumoured release of M. Daladier recalls the tragedy of a minister whose name will be associated with some of the darkest days in France's history. It was Daladier's head, particularly, that the Pétain Government at one time wanted on a charger. He was accused of responsibility for the war that brought disaster, defeat, humiliation and misery to France. Within the space of a few weeks, one of France's most popular statesmen was suddenly plunged into depths of disgrace and adversity. The men of Vichy were eager to use him as a scapegoat. A year before the war broke out he had to share with Mr. Chamberlain the doubtful honour of having postponed the evil day by appeasing Hitler. When he returned from Munich, he expected a riot to develop round him as a protest against the betrayal of Czechoslovakia. Instead, he was received with plaudits and flowers. But he was not deceived by that ovation. The lesson of Munich for him was that France must equip herself efficiently to face German aggression.

But M. Daladier left many things undone. Indecision was his chief fault. He has admitted that one great mistake he made was not to have insisted on continuing the Maginot line to the sea at any cost without troubling about financial orthodoxy. He ought also to have gone on buying more and more aeroplanes and getting more and more munitions made for France, and done it on his own responsibility. When he made this confession on June 5 last year, he was dismissed by M. Reynaud. A French journalist has described Daladier as an upright and honest patriot and statesman whose will was paralysed by indecision and mistrust of himself and others. He has been awaiting trial for many months. But instead of a death sentence, it may be his destiny some day to be among the restored leaders of a liberated France.



TEMPTING BUT —

Red Army Reforms

Marshal Clement E. Voroshiloff, an intimate friend of Joseph Stalin for the past 20 years, and for 15 years Commissar for Defence, has lost neither his popularity nor importance after being replaced by the energetic Ukrainian, Semen Timoshenko, as head of the armed forces of Soviet Russia.

The "First Marshal of the U.S.S.R." as M. Voroshiloff is usually referred to by the Soviet Press, has remained a member of the all-powerful Politburo of the Communist Party, and the official announcement of his appointment to Vice-Premier, made at the last session of the Supreme Council, was met with an ovation second only to that accorded to Joseph Stalin.

M. Voroshiloff, furthermore, was given the post of Chairman of the Defence Committee of the Russian Cabinet thus being entrusted with the herculean task of co-ordinating the work of all commissariats dealing with defence, including the production of war materials.

Finnish Revelation

The drastic reorganisation of the Red Army and Navy which has been going on ever since M. Voroshiloff was replaced by Marshal Timoshenko in May, 1940, tends to prove that the Russo-Finnish war disclosed serious gaps in the organisation and discipline of the Red Army, and that Stalin and other Soviet leaders have found it deficient in the light of the strategy and tactics employed by the Germans in Western Europe.

Instead of being called to task for the deficiencies in the structure and discipline of the Red Army, Voroshiloff is believed to have been actually participating in the reorganisation of the Soviet armed forces.

This reorganisation has been so thorough that it marks a turning point in the history of the Red Army. It includes such sweeping changes as the abolition of political Commissars, the introduction of ranks of generals and admirals, obligatory salute, and finally, demand for severest military discipline, making officers supreme authorities in the units under their command.

Metal Worker In Youth

Voroshiloff was born on February 4, 1881, in the Donbas coal region, a son of a worker, and became a metal worker himself. As a youth he led a strike, was discharged, blacklisted, and arrested.

In 1903, he entered the Russian Social-Democratic Party and

joined its Bolshevik wing headed by Nikolay Lenin.

In 1905, he again landed in gaol for having organised strikes in Lugansk in the Donbas, but next year he was present as delegate at the Bolshevik Congress in Stockholm where he met Lenin for the first time.

A year later, in 1907, he participated in another congress of Bolsheviks, this time in London. That was Voroshiloff's last trip abroad. There is an unwritten rule that members of the Politburo are not to visit foreign countries. One of the few exceptions is the present Commissar for Foreign Trade, Anastas Mikoyan, who visited the United States in 1936.

Voroshiloff was arrested soon after his return to Russia from the London congress, and exiled to Archangel. He managed to escape, however, and settled in Baku, where he met Stalin and worked with him in the local underground Communist organisation.

Returned To Exile

In 1908, he was arrested once more and sent back to his place of exile, where he remained until the outbreak of the World War.

During the war, Voroshiloff worked in Petrograd and Tsarskin plants, organising workers for revolution. He participated in the October revolution in 1917 which brought the Bolsheviks to power, and worked with Dzerzhinsky in the dreaded Cheka, but later was sent to fight the White Guard armies in the Ukraine.

This launched his military career which included participation in the Soviet-Polish War in 1920, and in the rout of Denikin's armies. In March, 1920 Voroshiloff helped crush the rebellion of the Kronstadt sailors, and soon afterwards he was appointed chief of the North Caucasian Military District.

One of the most important events in Voroshiloff's military career is his collaboration with Stalin in the famous defence of Tsaritsyn which Stalin undertook on the one condition that War Commissar Leon Trotsky did not interfere.

In 1925, Voroshiloff was appointed Commissar of Defence, a post he held until May, 1940.

Main Organiser

The star of Lazar M. Kaganovitch, Russia's major organiser and trouble-shooter, is rising once more, as the Soviet Union is taking advantage of its neutrality to build up its war potential.

Until the purge of 1930-1938, Kaganovitch was second to Joseph

Stalin alone in popularity and influence, but the period of wholesale arrests brought new men to the foreground.

Actually he never lost his share in determining Russia's course — privilege to the 11 members of the all powerful political bureau of the Communist Party, headed by Stalin.

It is popularly believed among the Russians that Kaganovitch shares with Andre W. A. Zhdanoff the distinction of pinch-hitting for Stalin when he goes on vacation.

Appointed Vice Premier of U.S.S.R. in August, 1938, Kaganovitch retained his post as Commissar for Railways, a job he has held since 1935 with a brief interruption in 1937. Kaganovitch then was relieved of his duties as Commissar for Railways in order to head the Commissariat for Heavy Industry. But his successor soon made such a confusion of Russia's transport that Kaganovitch had to be recalled to undo the damage.

Aids Keeping Of Pact

In the spring of 1938 he again was charged with the task of insuring timely delivery of raw materials to industrial plants and distribution of finished products to Russia's innumerable cities and villages.

As Commissar for Railways, Kaganovitch also has been in charge of transporting troops, ammunition and provisions to the new, extended frontiers of the Soviet Union.

A special task with which Kaganovitch is entrusted is delivery to Germany of supplies of raw materials under the terms of the Soviet-German trade agreement.

That this is no small task can be gauged from the fact that the terms are generally believed to have called upon the Russians to provide the Third Reich during the first year of the agreement's operation with 1,000,000 tons of oil, an equal amount of barley, 100,000 tons of raw cotton, probably as much grain, about 50,000 tons of manganese, and smaller quantities of iron ore, phosphates and other raw materials.

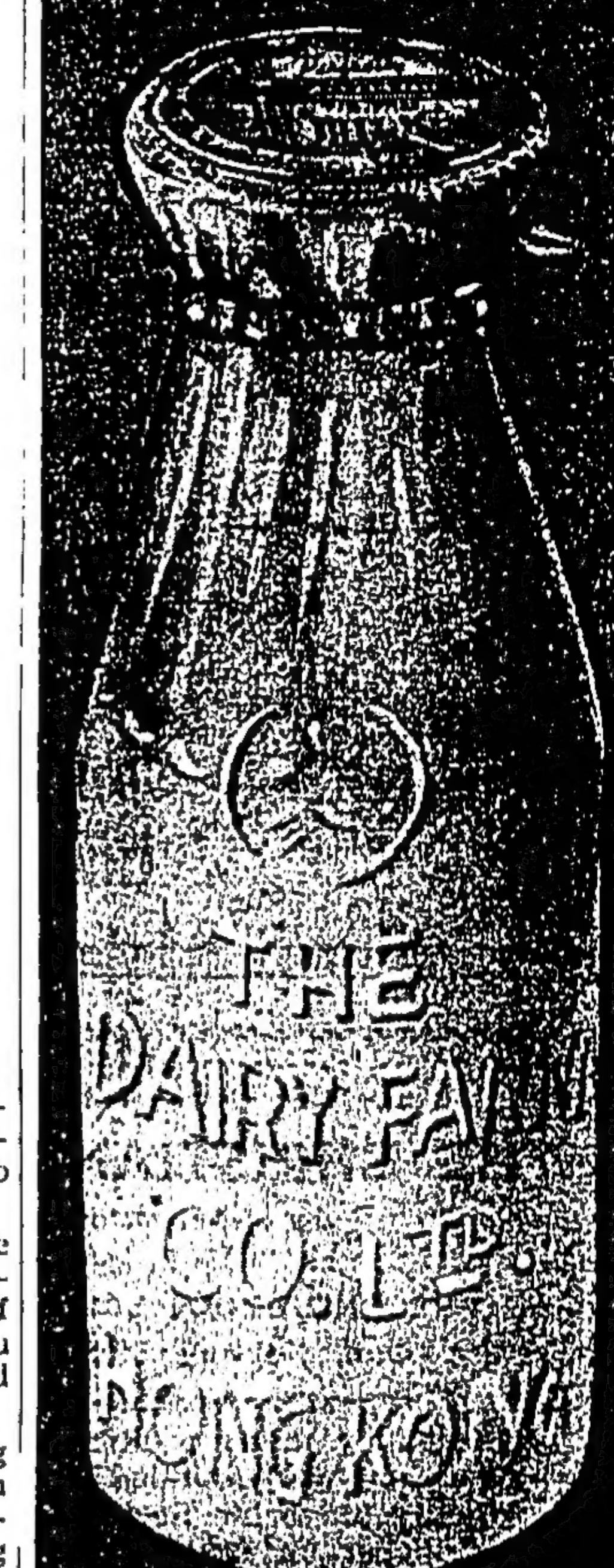
Most of these supplies have to be transported by rail through the 10 railway lines linking Russia and Germany in what formerly was Polish territory.

Unofficial reports have it that Moscow has not fulfilled some of its obligations under the agreement. The explanations given, however, do not attribute this failure to Kaganovitch's inability to transport the goods, but rather to other reasons of a political nature.

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CARELESS TALK LEADS TO SHIP LOSSES

LONG-DISTANCE TRAINS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE THE FAVOURITE HUNTING GROUND OF ENEMY AGENTS, AND AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IS ON TO STOP THEM COLLECTING INFORMATION.

Sailors, soldiers and airmen coming home on leave are their prey. They do not necessarily talk to these men. They get into compartments where other passengers are likely to talk, out of a desire to be friendly.

They know that a sailor going home on leave, say from Plymouth, is always an object of some regard by other passengers, who engage him quite innocently in conversation.

The spy himself may be wearing the uniform of one of the Services.

A sailor may reveal where his ship has been, what sort of a time he has had, and when and where he expects to start his next voyage.

Enthusiasts

A soldier may explain in detail the mechanism and armament of a new tank or gun and an airman may talk enthusiastically about some new aeroplane or accessory.

Passengers help the enemy agents by pointing out from the train window; and revealing with pride what certain camouflaged objects are.

They also discuss their relatives in the forces, what they have been doing and where they are.

The enemy agent is not always silent. Sometimes he talks to encourage talk.

The Government is especially anxious that the movements of both warships and merchant ships should not be mentioned in trains. Some of our shipping losses have been traced to train gossip.

Invasion

Then there is talk that might be useful in an invasion attempt.

New defensive devices, special manoeuvres, anti-tank traps, gun emplacements and the like are all being talked about. Even if the Service man tells only the members of his own family, the information is liable to get out when he has gone back to his unit.

All members of the forces are now warned individually by their commanding officers within two days of joining up or within two days of going to another ship or unit that they must not talk.

Thousands of men on specially secret duty are re-warmed and put on their honour not to utter a word about what they are doing.

The enemy agent has been driven to the railway trains because public-houses have begun to learn the anti-gossip lesson, and because so many of the new Service men do not drink.

New Posters

Publicans have cooperated so well that those who do drink are talking less in bars.

But a couple of drinks on a train may make a tired and jaded man open his mouth.

The railways have displayed 570,000 notices about careless talk in compartments.

Now they are going to have these reprinted in colour in a new design.

In the docks more than 2,000 posters have been displayed.

CONSCRIPTS' LOVE INQUIRY

U.S. conscripts can make themselves ineligible for military service by marrying a "dependant wife."

Now men who have married since October 16 last, when Americans registered under the Conscription Act, will face an inquiry into the circumstances of their wedding and must prove it was not for the purpose of evading military service.

TOWN HAS HAD 250 BOMBS BUT NO DEATH

More than 250 bombs have been dropped on an East Anglian coast town and its immediate district since the beginning of the war.

Every place of worship in the town has been hit, but not a single person has been killed, and less than a dozen slightly injured.

COLOURS WILL BE LIGHTER

Women's clothes will soon be produced in lighter shades which require less dye than rich, deep hues.

Colour variety and colour fastness, however, are not likely to be affected.

A Manchester dyeing expert said that a vast amount of dye was required for Air Force blue, Navy blue and khaki.

"So many chemicals—some imported, some home-produced—are used in dyeing," added the expert, "that it is impossible to prophesy what may happen in the future.

"Increased production of explosives will in some ways help dye production. Minerals from which they are extracted leave a white crystalline substance, anthracene, the basis of a number of modern dyes.

"Women need not fear that the huge range of shades to which they have been accustomed in the past few years will disappear.

"As compared with 1914, we are in a very favourable position. Then we were producing only about 10 per cent. of the dyestuffs we required; the rest came from Germany.

"In 1939 we were producing 85 per cent., and I see no reason why the quality of dyeing should deteriorate."

FAST U.S. 'PLANES IN SINGAPORE

VETERAN BRITISH Royal Air Force pilots took to the air over Singapore in new American-made Brewster-Buffalo fighter 'planes as ocean-going bombers, of the type developing by the United States Navy, arrived from Manila after a trans-Pacific flight.

The new ships give new speed and long distance striking power to the aerial defences of this British stronghold and to British-Australian sea and air patrols which are charged with the task of keeping clear the empire's eastern seas.

For several weeks skilled British craftsmen with Chinese, Indian and Malay mechanics, have been working at top speed at the Singapore R.A.F. workshops converting crated machinery into ready-to-fly planes worthy of the experienced British, Australian and New Zealand airmen who were recently brought here from Britain to round out Malaya's sea defences.

A tour of the R.A.F. workshops demonstrated the speed and efficiency with which the Brewsters, similar to those which recently joined the United States Navy's first line fighter force, were pushed through to final assembly.

One officer said only 24 hours elapsed from the time the crates were opened until the completed fighter 'planes were ready for active service.

He said the first shipment, a large order of Brewster-Buffaloes, were assembled and ready for flight before the arrival of the American factory representative.

A visit to one of several British air stations in Singapore showed every department working at top speed to improve and maintain Singapore aerial defences. While mechanics were rolling out the Brewsters for waiting test pilots, torpedo carriers and dive bombers were perfecting their technique on nearby targets while older British flying boats and powerful Australian-manned American-built Lockheed Hudsons, roared out to sea to meet the patrol bombers which were completing their voyage across the south China sea. Associated Press.

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"GREATHEART'" SAILS AGAIN FROM LISBON

(By A Lisbon Correspondent)

THE GOOD SHIP Greatheart has sailed again, packed with refugees who are travelling from peace into war. Greatheart is the name by which she is known in Lisbon. This ship, which periodically takes a complement of a hundred passengers from neutral Portugal to Britain, is really nameless.

The title under which she sailed in days of peaceful pleasure cruises, has been painted out with dull, grey war paint. Now she steams into the battle seas to bring home civilians who know they sail as Nazi targets.

On board the Greatheart go remnants of the British colonies in Europe, families who have lived as exiles most of their lives.

Men who escaped from concentration camps, bound for the battlefields of Britain.

Families who prefer to sail from this land of unrationed plenty to the ration cards of their homeland.

Children whose English mothers still talk to them in French, and to whom this wartime voyage will mean almost a change in nationality—for they have never known the England which is their heritage.

"Banshee" Calls

Mrs. Robinson travels with her son and daughter, Michael and Joan. All three stayed behind, packed up their Paris home and struggled from France alone, because Mr. Robinson had to leave for an important war job in Britain at the first hint of collapse in France.

There are people like sixty-year-old Tom Watson, who is leaving a life's savings in a Paris bank and is going back to see what he can do to help win the war.

Accustomed to more cheerful farewells, I watched the ship before she slid into the darkness recently. There were no cheers—just whispers of "Good luck" which went round the little groups who waited to see her off.

Girls walked up the gang way with gas masks on their shoulders. A sailor uncovered the gun.

Then the ship moved toward the sea. Still no cheers—just hands raised in farewell to the civilian troopers the banshees have called home to fight.

OUTED HIS WIFE FOR EX-FIANCÉE

A wife who allowed her husband to bring his former fiancée to their home was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court because of the husband's misconduct with the girl.

Petitioner was Mrs. Victoria May Foxwell, of Rutts Terrace, New Cross, London, S.E., and the husband, William John Reginald Foxwell did not defend the suit.

Mrs. Foxwell's case was that after the marriage her husband received letters from the girl, who ultimately came to live with them.

After six weeks husband and wife quarrelled about it. Mr. Foxwell told his wife she could go, and Mrs. Foxwell went.

That was in 1929, and the husband was still living with his former fiancée.

TAPPED PHONE TO AID PILOT

A pilot who ran out of petrol and made a forced landing in a remote Somerset meadow was able to take off again on an important flight to headquarters in less than twenty minutes through the resource of G.P.O. linesman who climbed a telegraph pole and tapped the wire with his portable telephone.

The linesman checked the pilot's identity before agreeing to call aid.

POLYGAMY WAS RIGHT, SHE SAYS

Modern marriage is a much worse arrangement than the polygamy once practised by the Mormons, says Miss Maurine Whipple, American author, who is a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, as the Mormons call themselves.

"To understand what I mean you have to look back to the beginnings of polygamy," she said. "The Mormons didn't have more than one wife just for the fun of it—like some people do to-day."

Economic Experiment

"The women outnumbered the men by four to one because of plagues and wars. Brigham Young (the Mormon leader) was faced with the problem of having dozens of useless old maids, and he turned to polygamy as an economic experiment, not as a sex sensation.

"Don't think I advocate polygamy. There is no necessity for it to-day. But while it had its faults it wasn't the evil, unlawful arrangement that it has been held up to be all these years."

"Marriage to-day is taken lightly. Such an attitude would be considered sinful by the Mormons."

TWO MONTHS OF BLITZ, AND STILL WANT MORE

FOR THE FIRST TIME Glasgow has the opportunity of learning the truth about London's blitzkrieg from the lips of Glasgow men who have for weeks shared the perils of Londoners.

Back home again after two months spent in London assisting the staff of the Metropolitan Water Board to repair bomb damage, fourteen employees of Glasgow Corporation Water Department are full of stories of their great experience and of praise for the people of London.

"Our most exciting job," said one of them, James Lee, of John-street, "was when we were called upon to repair a group of pipes in a crater where an unexploded time bomb was lying.

"I do not think it will go off," said the R.E. officer in charge. As for us, we did not even stop to think. Never in the history of pipe repair was a job completed with such speed!

Building Fall

"One danger which we faced daily was having to work in the shadows of partially demolished buildings which came crashing down around us when a bomb exploded as far as half a mile away."

"The most spectacular sight was to see huge tenements being blown up by time-bombs."

U.S. GANG STEALS TOMMY GUNS FROM BRITAIN

Gangsters stole ten sub-machine guns which were lying on a heavily guarded New York dockside for shipment to Britain.

Scores of detectives are searching the city's underworld for the guns, which were packed in crates and must have been carried bodily to a waiting lorry.

CANADA HAS ARMY OF GHOSTS

Swooping out of the snow, white-clad figures glided past without a sound, visible for only a few seconds against a colourless background before being lost to sight. These were Canada's army ski instructors on the march.

They came and went like ghosts. Only the dark streaks of their slung rifles and mitten hands broke the symmetry as they moved and manoeuvred over hills and among the leafless trees.

Fourteen degrees below zero, with the snow thick but crisp were the conditions found favourable by the future instructors of Canada's ski troops during the three-weeks' course at Ottawa.

Their syllabus contained such strange drills as the "bear walk" reclining on skis and using them as a toboggan to coast down hills.

An officer said it was not the aim to develop finished ski troops but to teach troops to move on skis so they may be able to operate and not become immobilised by snow.

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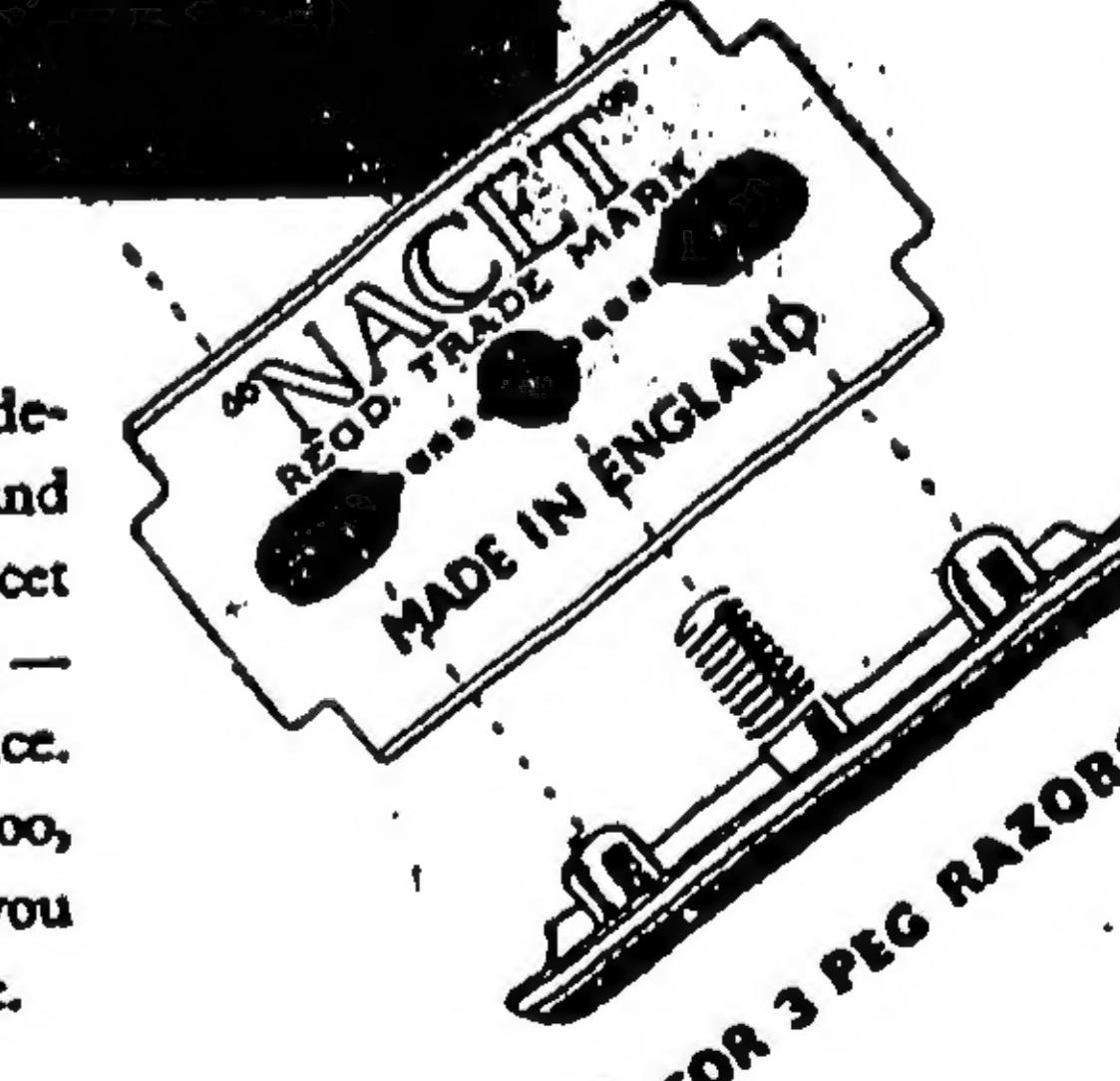
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FLOCKING HOME TO FLY

Four young British residents in the Bahamas arrived recently in England to train for flying duties in the R.A.F. All have had flying experience in light aircraft, having learned to fly at their own expense. One holds a Canadian running record.

These four men are typical of those who are now arriving in a steady stream in Britain under the Overseas Recruiting Scheme. Under this scheme British subjects abroad who volunteer for air crew duties are provided with passages home. The men who have arrived so far have been of the best type. Over 80 per cent of them have been accepted for training as pilots.

One man a Scotsman living in Patagonia, rode hundreds of miles on horseback to catch a ship for England at Buenos Aires.

Another travelled 800 miles overland across South America to his port of sailing.

Other arrivals from American countries have included British residents in Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Caracas, capital of Venezuela, and Havana, Cuba.

A large number have come from British colonies, including men from the Leeward Islands, Bermuda, Trinidad, the Seychelles Island, and Mauritius.

Among the latest volunteers to reach London is an American citizen from Peru. He was formerly radio officer in a South American air line and has flown light aircraft.

So the list of useful recruits from Overseas to the R.A.F. grows from day to day.

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BRIDGE NOTES

TWO BASKETS

By The Four Aces

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket" runs the old maxim, and Bridge players do well to keep it in mind. For example:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 8 5	
♥ Q 6 5 2	
♦ Q 10 9 6	
♣ 8 5 4	
N	
♠ A Q J 2	♦ 10 9 4 3
♥ J 10 9 8	♥ A K 7 4
♦ 8 3	3
♣ J 10 9	♦ 2
S	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
10	Pass	20	Pass
50	Pass	Pass	Pass

South thought long about opening with a two-bid, but finally

decided that there

there was not likely

to be a game unless his partner

could muster up

some sort of response.

And North did manage to find

a bid with his mongrel

assortment of cards,

although a pass would ordinarily be a better choice.

West opened the Jack of hearts, and South noted that he was bound to lose one club and either one or two spades. The contract, he decided at first glance, would depend on which opponent held the spade Ace. If East had it, the contract would be made; but otherwise he would lose two spade tricks and go down one trick.

But then he saw another basket in which to put some of his eggs. He ruffed the opening lead with an honour, led the Ace and then a small trump, and returned a club from the dummy. East naturally played a low club, and so did South!

West returned another heart, and South ruffed again. Then he cashed the Ace and King of clubs. And when all the clubs fell, South was able to lead his last club and discard one of dummy's spades. This limited the loss to one club and one spade, allowing South to make a difficult contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 6	
♥ K J 8 6	
♦ J	
♣ K 10 5	

The bidding:

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
10	1	Pass	20
20	3	Pass	3NT
Dbl.	(7)		

ANSWER: Pass. You have not overbid your hand, can contribute valuable stoppers in hearts, and perhaps the Jack of diamonds will be useful. You are very nearly sure enough of your ground to re-double.

Score 100% for pass, 70% for redouble, 20% for four clubs.

Question No. 706

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 7	
♥ A 9	
♦ Q 10 5 3	
♣ A Q J 7 4	

The bidding:

Major	Jacoby	Schenken	Yes
10	1	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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BOMBED, NOW HUNTS BOMBER

A Flight Lieutenant who knows what it is like to be "blitzed" at night is one of the R.A.F. Fighter Command pilots now helping to beat the night raiders over Great Britain.

Long before civilians came under fire he was telling one of the first bomb-escape stories of the war. "His" bomb fell when he was stationed in France last Spring. It landed only 20 yards from the room in which he was sleeping. Though badly shaken he was out on patrol the next day.

Since then he has been awarded the D.F.C. and has now taken his place in the gallant band of air fighters who hunt the enemy by night.

Sighting a smoke trail while on a recent night patrol he climbed and got behind the enemy, which he identified as a Junkers 88 bomber.

"I opened fire at about 200 yards and closed to 150 yards," he said afterwards, "and after five short bursts, flames came from the port side. Oil from the enemy bomber, hitting my windscreen, made it difficult for me to see, so I fired nearly all my ammunition at the flames.

"These flames began to increase and the rear gunner did not fire at me at all."

But the Flight Lieutenant could only claim the enemy as a probable casualty. The flames, he said, seemed to go out afterwards, and although the enemy was rapidly losing height, it was not seen to crash.

The same night another Flight Lieutenant of this squadron—also D.F.C.—had a short and sharp duel with the rear gunner of a Junkers 88. The enemy gunner was silenced after the first burst from the Hurricane's guns. The British pilot saw his bullets hitting the bomber in the wings and centre-section, and it dived away very steeply.

Another night raider faced a hazardous journey home.

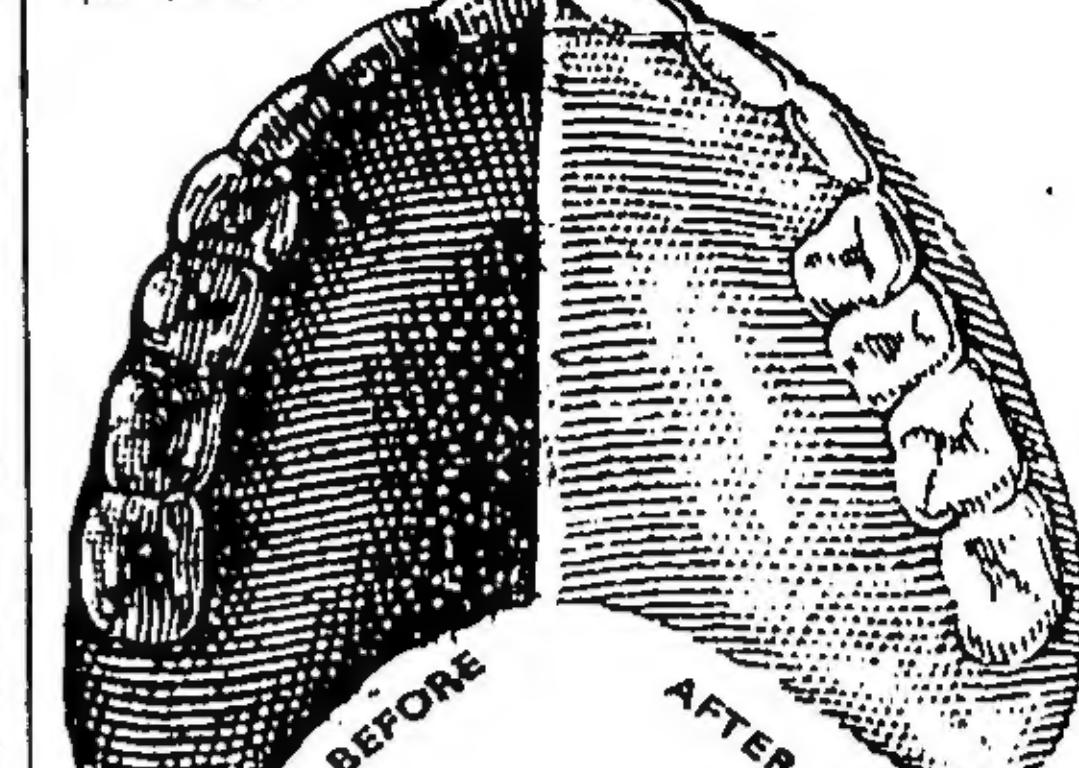
FAMOUS 'PLANE FOR US

The "Old 301," famous transport plane owned by America's Trans-continental and Western Air Lines, is being sold to the British Government, says Reuter.

It has flown nearly 2,000,000 miles and will be flown to New York for transport to Britain.

Four other planes are also being sold to Britain by the airline.

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MR. WILLIE FINDS R.A.F. HELPFUL

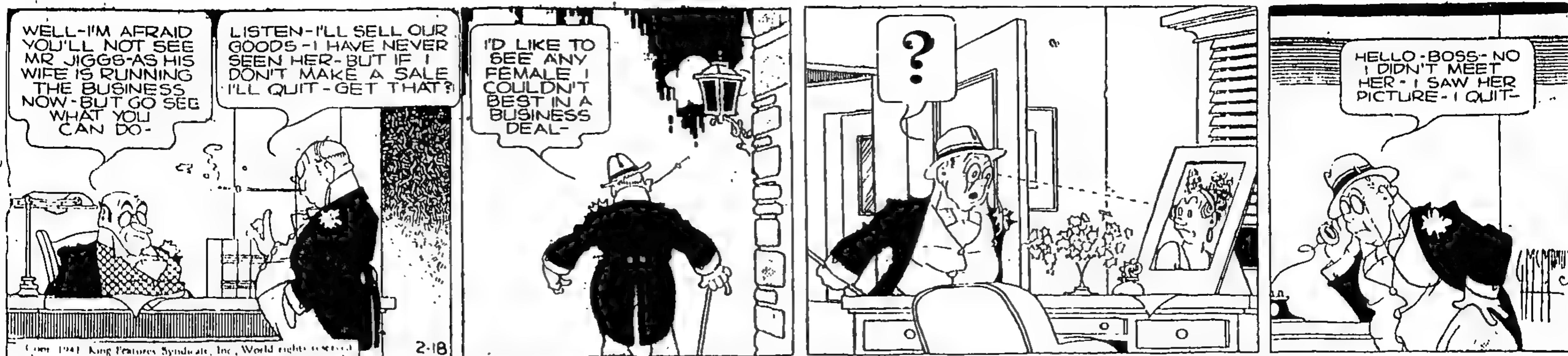
Mr. Willkie's last glimpse of English soil was at an airfield in the West of England, where his plane was refuelled before its long hop to Lisbon.

It was a wintry morning, and someone asked Mr. Willkie if he would like a cup of tea.

"Thanks, I've had breakfast," answered Mr. Willkie, "but if you could raise a packet of chewing gum I would be glad of it."

As usual the R.A.F. was ready to be helpful. A sergeant who was present hurried off to the nearest canteen. No luck. He tried the shops in the village. At each he obtained one packet, and returned to the airfield as Mr

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Skin Beauty Enhanced

All the leading salons, and screen make-up experts, recommend women using two shades of face powder—one the exact tone of current skin colour, and another a shade lighter, with pink, or rose, or green, or blue dominant in the mixture. Whichever shade blends most beautifully with your natural colouring.

After a film-like powder base has been applied onto a freshly cleaned skin, and permitted to set, the lighter powder is patted all over the face. Excess is brushed away with a soft bristled powder brush. Then your powdered rouge is put on, if you use one, and over all the darker shade of powder is applied. Again the excess is brushed away. Thus you get a translucence of complexion which is otherwise difficult to achieve, and a little experimenting with the two shades will greatly enhance your beauty.

You will also learn that light powder catches the light—both artificial and sunlight—so if there are areas of your face you wish to highlight, do not cover the first coating of powder with the darker shade. Many women like to highlight their chins, and this is done by rouging the chin a little first, and then covering the rouge with the lighter powder shade. It is then left that way and the darker powder is applied only under the chin and lower cheek.

Have Powder Mixed For You

I realize that it is most difficult to select a powder shade when the powder is in a box and covered with cellophane. The only good way of selecting a powder is setting it on your skin in broad daylight or, if it is for evening wear, under artificial light. Many cosmetic counters have samples of powder shades which help immensely, and most all will blend a powder shade for you, if you request them to do so.



With properly selected make-up including two powder shades, any girl can greatly enhance her facial beauty.

If neither samples of powder are available, or a willing clerk to blend a shade, you may blend one for yourself. Buy small quantities of three shades which you judge to be near what you want. Take these home and mix them in a powder dish or in a giant salt shaker which you can buy in

any store. Put pinches at a time into the dish and stir and test. You'll find that as the seasons progress, and your skin grows darker you will have to blend more anyhow, so it is good to have a lighter shade, a matching shade, a darker and a suntan shade on hand.

Perfume To Advantage?



Dear to every woman's heart is a lovely fragrance and she cherishes a good perfume as she cherishes a jewel. And so she should, for an appropriate fragrance does as much to enhance a woman's beauty as does any jewel, no matter how priceless!

But I am wondering how many women use their precious fragrance, or fragrances to advantage. The old-fashioned way of touching a perfume bottle dropper to the back of the ear and on the wrists is not the way to get the most from your rare mixture. It should be atomised—every drop broken up into a thousand tiny beads and sprayed where it will create an aura of beauty.

There are atomisers now on the market with lock-tops—ones that have little screw tops on chains, others which are self-locking once the bulb is pushed back into position. Such atomisers keep your perfume from evaporating—which the old atomisers could not boast of doing.

Having a fragrance in a bottle makes it simple to spray the inside hem of your evening gown, your lingerie when it is folded away in adorable satin cases, inside your glove box, inside your handbags and handkerchief case, and on your person.

Perfume Self Thoroughly

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spray the back of your neck as well as your hair? Thus the fragrance trail will be lengthened and the aura will be more complete.

Of course, you will select a fragrance to suit your personality—that is the acid test of a perfume. A mixture may be as rare as the Hope Diamond but if you do not like it—if it does not give your spirits a lift when you wear it, then it is not suitable for you. Take time to buy a fragrance, or if you sniff one on a friend which you adore, get the name of it and buy that one.

Perfumes act queerly, you know—it seems to take the warmth of your body and the air to bring out their true fragrance. One good way to testing a mixture is to stop at a perfume counter, have a drop put on your wrist and then go about the store shopping for a while. Sniff your wrist once in a while and see if you like the fragrance. Sometimes your nose gets confused when you sniff too many mixtures at one time! However, most every good perfume can be bought in very small quantities, so an experiment will not be too costly.



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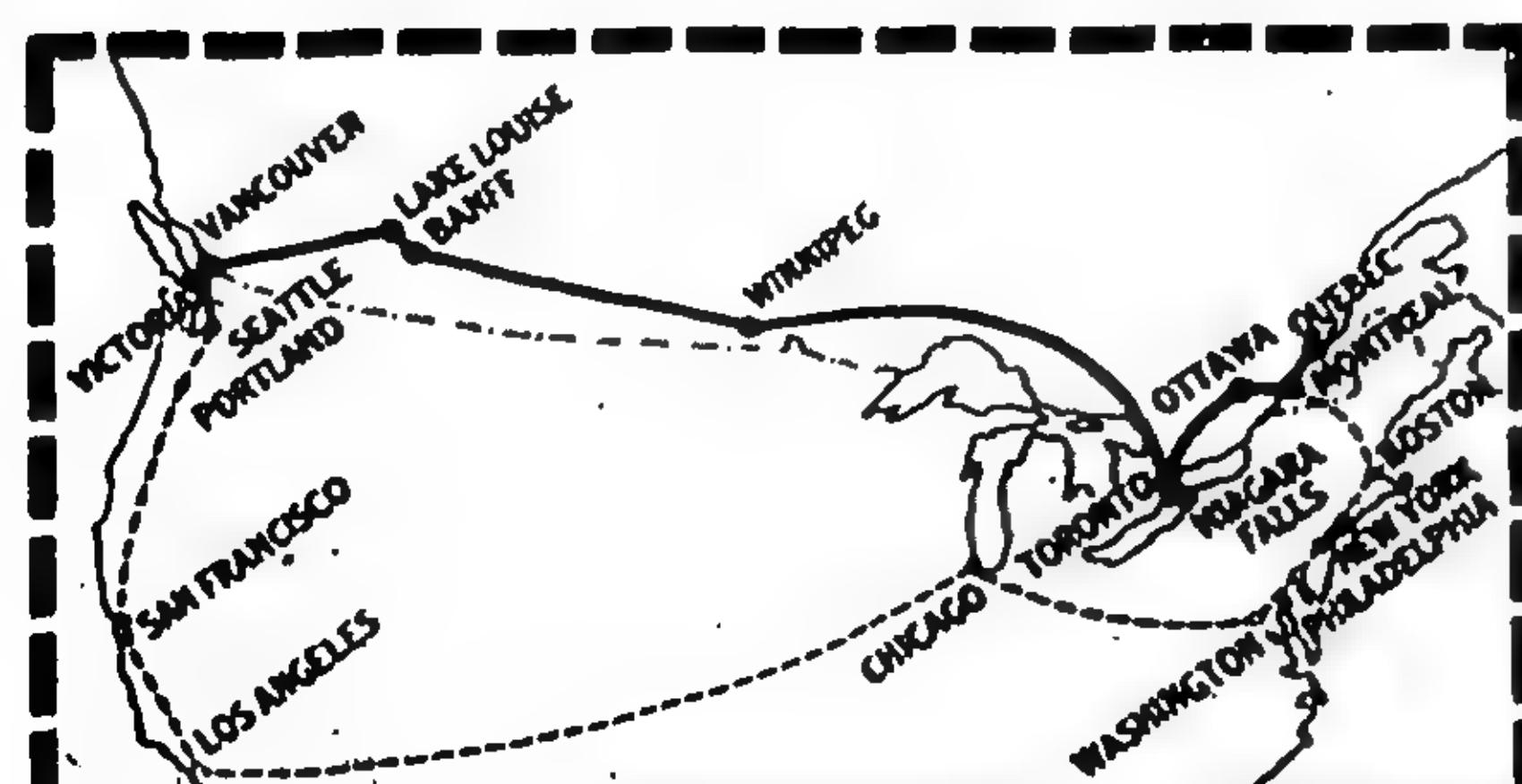
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Old Time Variety.
The Naughty Nineties—London—Intro—Maiden's Prayer, While London's Fast Asleep, Two Lovely Black-Eyed, As Your Hair Grows Whiter, Glorious Beer.

The Naughty Nineties—Romance—Intro—Pas de Quattro, Daisy Bell, After the Ball, She was one of the Early Birds Old Timers Sketch Company with Fred Hartley's Quintet.

Medley of Daly's Favourites—Intro—A Bachelor Gay, Villa, Bohemia, Leander, Under the Deodar, You're in Love, Reginald Foort (Organ).

Good Old Songs of the Good Old Days—Intro—Meet Me To-night in Dreamland, Hitchy Koo, You Made me Love You, The Old Timers with Orchestra.

Evergreens of Jazz—Intro—Hot Time in the Old Town To-night; In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree; Dunah Scott Wood & his Six Swingers.

Ellaline Terriss & Seymour Hicks Medley—Intro—Honeysuckle and the Bee, Only a Penny, Sir; Simple Little String, Church Parade, Lou-Sanne Lou, I want you, ma honey, And her Golden Hair was Hanging Down her Back; Ellaline Terriss & Seymour Hicks (Vocal).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—C. B. Cochran Presents "C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems Light Opera Company with Orchestra "Words and Music".

Selection, New Mayfair Orch "Wake Up and Dream"—Vocal Gems Light Opera Company with Orchestra, "Evergreen"—Selection, "Twenty Million Sweethearts"—Selection New Mayfair Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—The Madrid Symphony Orchestra with Tito Schipa (Tenor), Little Princess (Palomero—Palilla); Farewell, my Granada (Calleja-Barrera)... Tito Schipa (Tenor), Danza Espanola—Na. 6 (Granados) Madrid Symphony Orchestra Nima-Nanna (Bellini); Gitana (Longas)... Tito Schipa (Tenor). En La Alhambra, Serenata (Breton) Madrid Symphony Orchestra El Gaucho—Tango... Tito Schipa (Tenor).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay — Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 8 in B Minor "Unfinished".

1st Mov.: Allegro moderato, 2nd Mov.: Andante con moto. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.26 p.m.—Violin and Piano Solos by Nathan Milstein and William Backhaus, Intermezzo in B Flat Minor (Brahms) ... William Backhaus (Piano).

From My Homeland (Smetana); Consolation (Liszt)... Nathan Milstein (Violin) Moment Musical in F Minor (Schubert); Impromptu in B Flat Op. 142 (Schubert)... William Backhaus (Piano). Polonaise Brillante in D Major (Wieniawski); Romance (2nd Mov. from Concerto No. 2—Wieniawski)... Nathan Milstein (Violin). Waltz in D Flat—Op. 64 (Chopin); Etude in C Major—Op. 10 (Chopin)... William Backhaus (Piano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.18 p.m.—London Piano-Accordeon Band with Frances Day (Vocal)

You Don't Know How Much You Can Suffer (Friend & Franklin); Angelino Piccolino (Siegel)... London Piano-Accordeon Band, How Do You Do, Mr. Right?; It's D'Lovely (both from "The Fleet's Lit Up")... Frances Day (Vocal) with Orch.

Don't Ever Pass Me By (Watson & others); Get Into the Spirit of Spring (Parker & Charles)... London Piano-Accordeon Band, Midnight & Music (film "Who's your lady Friend")... Frances Day (Vocal) with Orchestra, A Little King Without a Crown (Parker & others) ... London Piano-Accordeon Band.

9.45 p.m.—Gershwin Medley.

Intro: I got Rhythm; My one and only; Clap yo' hands; The man I love; Lady be Good; Do, Do, Do; Someone to watch over me; Swanee; That certain feeling; Tell me more; Fascinating Rhythm... New Mayfair Orchestra with Elisabeth Welch and Robert Ashley, vocalists.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Ol!"

11.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I'm Spending Christmas with the Old Folks; Slow Fox-Trot—There'll come another Day... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra; Swing Fox-Trots—The Hour of Parting; Cocomambo Grove, Benny Goodman & his Orchestra; Waltz—Memories live longer than Dreams; Tango.

Fox-Trot—The Memory of a Rose... Joe Loss & his Orchestra; Fox-

Trot—In a Moonboat; Slow Fox-

Trot—Can't Get Indiana off my

THE CHINA MAIL, MAY 3, 1941

**VICAR ON
DONKEY
PUT ON
GOOD SHOW**

(By A Special Correspondent)

The Vicar of Pinhoe, Devon, reined in his donkey with a jerk.

Amazed, he stared at the strange, warlike figures advancing menacingly from the direction of the sea.

"Stay put?" he mused.) "I think not, in the circumstances." And the gallant cleric kicked his heels into his moke, and did a Graziani in the opposite direction.

A little later, dishevelled, dust-stained, weary, he leaped from his steed almost at the feet of the King.

"The invaders," he gasped, "the invaders," and pointed urgently down the road he had just travelled.

All that happened 940 years ago, but it has a link with modern times, for it made the Vicar of Pinhoe Britain's Number One Spotter.

It also won a perpetual pension for the incumbent. Ethelred the Unready was, for once, not caught on the hop; he drove the invaders back from Pinhoe and made a gift to the Vicar of a mark a year for ever.

It works out now at 16s., and it is still being paid to the present vicar, the eighty-three-year-old Rev. Oliver Puckridge.

"My predecessor, according to this story, saw that the English were running short of arrows," Mr. Puckridge told me. "He jumped on his ass and rode post-haste to Exeter to requisition further supplies and save the battle.

"No! I don't do any spotting, but the parish is well cared for in that respect, and our A.R.P. services are keen and alert, just as much so as the vicar was in A. D. 1001."

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORP.

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose,
M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.
Friday, 2nd May, 1941.

PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. ANNUAL TROPHIES COMPETITION RESULTS

Rangtakers Trophy—Gnr. E. R. Childe, 2nd Bty., 1/Bdr. Tam Yen Kwong. 4th Bty. tied.

Layers Trophy—1/Bdr. G. P. Stone. 1st Bty., 1/Bdr. Pun Yiu Kwan. 3rd Bty. tied.

ii. 1ST BATTERY

Tues. 6th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Sees. Bty. training at D'Aguilar. D.E.L. Section to Wellington Barracks and proceed to D'Aguilar at 4.30 p.m. Dress as usual.

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Sees. Kit inspection followed by B.C.A., Signal and L.G. Classes. Dress—Mufti.

iii. 2ND BATTERY

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 1.45 p.m. L. Sec., D.E.L. & B.O.P. Staff. Fatigue Party. Remainder H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Half day training at Bluff Head. Dress as usual.

iv. 3RD BATTERY

Mon. 5th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed, B.C.A. Class. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Sees. for Aberdeen. Dress as usual.

Fri. 9th May. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Sec. Dress—Overalls.

v. 4TH BATTERY

Tues. 6th May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Sees. General Battery drill and instruction. Dress usual.

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed, Instructors and N.C.O.'s Classes. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, web belt and frog.

Orderly Sgt. for the week —L/Sgt. H. Y. Tang.

Next for duty —L/Sgt. M. Y. Yeung.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

vi. 6TH A.A. BATTERY

Tues. 6th May. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Half-day training at Siuwan. Dress as laid down.

Tues. 6th May. St. John's Place. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Mon. 5th May. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Drill Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 8th May. K.C.R. 2.30 p.m. N.T. for Exercise. Dress—Battle Order less Anti-Gas respirators.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sun. 4th May. Hung Hom Depot. 9 a.m. W/T Section those detailed. Dress—trousers. Haversack rations to be carried.

Mon. 5th May. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) C'assification Group under instructors (ii) Remainder. Signal training as detailed.

Wed. 7th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Classification Group. Special Instruction. Dress as usual. (ii) Remainder. Communication exercise. Dress—Battle Order with S.D. caps.

Fri. 9th May. (i) W/T Class report direct to Govt. Trade Sch... at 2 p.m. (ii) Remainder. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Signal training as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 5th May. Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Driving instructions and Police Test. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

Wed. 7th May. Hung Hom. 2.30 p.m. All Plns. Exercise in N.T. Dress—Battle Order. R.T.R. caps. Vehicle and Working Party. No. 2 Pln. and No. 3 Sec. No. 4 Pln. Hung Hom. 2 p.m. Rifle Party. H.Q. 1.45 p.m. as detailed.

Fri. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Plns. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Plns. Anti-tank rifle. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Plns. Class 1. Theory of night firing. Class 2. V.G. Stoppages setting Nos. 2 and 3. Class 3. V.G. Stoppages Nos. 2 and 3. (iii) No. 5 Pln. Miniature Range. (iv) Dress as already ordered.

Sun. 11th May. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle Casuals. Those detailed. N.C.O. 1/c Party—Cpl. E. L. Groome.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 5th May. Star Ferry. Kowloon. 2.30 p.m. M.G. demonstration Dress—Battle Order. Those detailed. H.Q. 2 p.m.

Tues. 6th May. No. parade.

Sun. 11th May. Kowloon Range. 9 a.m. Rifle Course casuals. Those detailed.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 6th May. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 8 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 7th May. H.Q. (i) 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training. (ii) 6.30 p.m. Company pay parade.

Fri. 9th May. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order. Trousers will be carried in haversack.

Sun. 11th May. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle casuals. All those who have not already fired must do so on this date.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 5th May. Kowloon Rail-

way Station. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Drill Order.

Thurs. 8th May. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Sun. 11th May. Kowloon Range. Musketry Classification. Those detailed. Stonecutters. I.M.G. Classification casuals.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 5th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade according to programme.

Tues. 6th May. Recruits and those detailed from classes 9 and 10. Murray Parade Ground 5.15 p.m.

Wed. 9th May. Hong Kong men H.Q. 2 p.m. Kowloon men. Star Ferry Kowloon. 2.30 p.m. Half day training. Dress—Battle Order. S.D. caps, cardigans to be carried in haversack.

Fri. 9th May. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 5th May. Kowloon Railway Station. 2.15 p.m. Dress as before.

Fri. 9th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) 1st Period. Rifle Instruction, a/Aiming, b/Correct firing positions. 2nd Period. M.G. Sections. I.A. 3rd and 4th positions. L.G. Sections. Reasoning causes of stoppages cured by I.A.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 6th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. T.O.E.T. (Contd.).

Fri. 9th May. (i) No. 21 Pln. K. R. Sta. 2.15 p.m. (ii) No. 22 Pln. H.Q. 2 p.m. (iii) Dress—Boots, puttees, hose-tops, shorts, shirt-sleeves, S.D. cap, webbing equipment, waterbottle, haversack, mess tin, knives and forks.

Sun. 11th May. Rifle casuals at Kowloon City Range and L.G. Casuals at Stonecutters Range. For particulars see next week's Orders.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 5th May. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Miniature Range.

Fri. 9th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. Half day training.

Sun. 11th May. Stonecutters and Kowloon City Range and L.G. Casuals at Stonecutters Range. For particulars see next week's Orders.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 4th Sat. 10th May inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered.

Daily duty officers as detailed.

Thurs. 8th May. Supply and Transport Sections. Lecture, practical mechanics. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. Transport will leave Queen's Pier at 5.20 p.m.

Sun. 11th May. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Those detailed. Casuals course. Dress as ordered.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Wed. 7th May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, puttees, hose-tops, boots, webbing belt.

(n) PAY SECTION

Thurs. 8th May. Comd. I.Q. Sub-Sec. I. Dress-Uniform.

Fri. 9th May. Comd. H.Q. Sub-Sec. II. Dress-Uniform.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Wed. 7th May. Exchange Bdg. Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

4.15 p.m. Island communication.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Sgt. J. T. Dupuy, 5th A.A. Bty. to be B.S.M.

Sgt. Hazura Singh, Spe. Gd. Coy. to be C.Q.M.S.

Cpl. Karam Singh, Spe. Gd. Coy. to be Sergt.

Cpl. Feroz Khan, Spe. Gd. Coy. to be Sergt.

Pte. Khazan Singh, Spe. Gd. Coy. to be Corp.

Pte. Ahmed Khan, Spe. Gd. Coy. to be Corp.

Sgt. L. J. Cave, A.S.C. Coy. to be Pte.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

4228, Sigm. J. S. Rose, Corps Signals.

2853, Sigm. R. Tam, Corps Signals.

DR258 Pte. Q. A. A. MacFayden, No. 1 Coy.

3196 Gnr. V. G. Grott, No. 2 Coy.

4020 Pte. Mohamed Nawaz, Spec. Gd. Coy.

4482 Pte. Pala Singh, Spec. Gd. Coy.

4008 Pte. Ghulam Mohamed Spec. Gd. Coy.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4836 Gnr. H. M. Campos, 3rd Battery.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

LECTURE

Fri. 9th May. A.R.P. H.Q., Happy Valley. 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. Lecture. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

Sgt. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

ANDERSON AND GROSE SUCCESSFUL

Playing a much steadier game than their opponents, D. J. N. Anderson and E. C. Grose (30) beat E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett (40), 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday to win Kowloon Cricket Club's annual handicap doubles tennis tournament.

Fincher and Burnett, winners of this event last year, were below form, especially Burnett, who cracked up badly in the second set and was thereafter practically a passenger.

CASE COST ARMY FOUR GALLONS OF PETROL

When a Grenadier Guardsman attended at Edmonton Registrar's Court under military escort, summoned for £1 12s. rent arrears, he proved that the money had been paid, and his landlord withdrew the summons.

It was stated that the Guardsman had been brought to the court under military escort in an Army lorry, and that about four wickets. The batting, Mr. Fincher continued, was largely carried by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, who had finished the club season with over 800 runs and had given throughout the cricket season.

Mr. Gray, skipper of the second eleven, said that as in the first eleven team spirit, and the splendid support of the whole team, was the secret of the junior side's success. He thanked all members of the team for their cooperation and made mention of the fine work done by Messrs. Baxter and Madar in the batting line, and Messrs. Fenton and Taylor in attack. All cricketers, he added, were glad to welcome back to the ranks, those two experienced players Messrs. Goodwin and Hung, who had performed sterling work at various times.

Medallions were presented to members of both teams by Mr. V. C. Labrum, and a special trophy to Mr. Fenton, who performed the rare feat of taking all 10 wickets, against Engineers, following which solo and community singing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Among those present, in addition to the two teams, were Messrs. V. C. Labrum (Vice-President), Ezra Abraham, L. Jack, Capt. Houghton, J. Fraser, E. S. Abraham, T. W. Carr, J. P. Robinson, J. R. Luke, R. T. Burch, A. W. Strath, A. E. Perry, and B. Rankin.

REACH THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO BUY THROUGH "The China Mail"

THE PAPER THAT GETS INTO THE HOME

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CHEUNG CHAU SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual sports of the Cheung Chau Government School was held yesterday. The inter-House trophy was won by Green House (74 points), with Violet House (71 points), and Yellow House (57).

Ho Fuk-chiu (Green) won the Senior championship, Wong Chiu-poon (Green) the Junior and Lau Wai-bun (Violet) the small boys.

Following were the results:

TRACK EVENTS

Senior.—100 metres.—1. Ho Fuk-chiu; 2, Cheuk Hing-luen; 3, Li Puk-ying. 200 metres.—1. Ho Fuk-chiu and Cheuk Hin-luen; 400 metres.—1. Ho Fuk-chiu; 2, Li Puk-ying; 3, Li Ye

S. A. Rumjahn Tries Hard For Two-Set Lead Then Fades Out

Dreary Tennis In Second Singles Semi-Final

Tsui Must Improve To Beat Brother

By "Adrem"

IN A DULL, UNINTERESTING MATCH BEFORE A PACKED STAND AT HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, TSUI WAI-PUI, CHAMPION THE YEAR BEFORE LAST, BEAT S. A. RUMJAHN, THE HOLDER BY 5-7, 8-6, 6-1, 6-0.

In contrast to the crisp exchanges and sparkling rallies of the other semi-final, between Tsui Yan-pui and H. D. Rumjahn, yesterday's match was one of pat-ball, with both men quite content to secure their points on mistakes made by the other side.

These two players, with years of tournament tennis behind them and numerous appearances on Stand Court, were palpably overawed by the occasion and the tennis in the first two sets would not have done credit to a couple of junior club players.

Rumjahn gave the impression towards the close of the second, of being unwell. In any event however, his physical capabilities would not keep pace with his great heart and so perforce, he lost.

I don't think that one of his usual strokes was working. His forehand drive only came off on about three occasions, his service was feeble and his volley was all over the place. He did score often enough with his lob at the outset but Tsui soon had that taped after smashing several times out of court, and later just dropped the ball gently over the net to force Rumjahn to do more running.

Tsui was a shadow of the man of last year. He, too, was quite content to play pat-ball and in the first set by trying for returns he obviously had no chance of turning to good account.

Fighting Spirit

On the other side—and this exception has crept into reports of Rumjahn's matches for many years now—he did fight very hard, in the first two sets anyway. To

EAST & SOUTH CHINA AT SOCCER TO-DAY

The football match between teams representing East China and South China, the proceeds of which will be utilised for the endowment of a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wo (Darkie Chen) who was killed on active service some time ago, will be played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

In order that the teams may be better balanced, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Shek-yau are playing for East China and the cream of the Chinese footballers will be seen in action.

Fung King-cheong, who has not been playing much soccer recently, will be turning out as will also Chan Tak-fai, who will make his first appearance since his arm injury some time ago.

Following are the teams:

SOUTH CHINA:—Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao); and Tsang Chung-wan (South China) (Capt); Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao), Lam Tak-po (South China) and Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Lai Shul-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lo Wai-kuon (Eastern), Lee Tak-keo (South China), Chuck Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah) and Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao).

EAST CHINA:—Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern) and Yam She-hom (Eastern); Lau Chi-tsang (Eastern), Hau King-seng (Eastern) and Tsui Ah-fai (Sing Tao); Tsao Chau-ling (Eastern), Cheung Kam-hol (Eastern), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt), Hyul Man-fu (Eastern) and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

Reserves:—Kui Wing-fuk (Eastern), Kam Ka-bo (Sing Tao), Lau Tau-man (Sing Tao), Yee Hop-hing (Eastern) and Fu Tsang-bun (Eastern).

"LEAD'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION		
C.S.C.C.	(68)	v. K.C.C. (68)
I.R.C.	(86)	v. P.R.C. (42)
Recreio "A"	(78)	v. C.C.C. (44)
*K.B.G.C. "B"	(—)	v. Recreio "B" (—)
K.D.R.C.	(68)	v. K.B.G.C. "A" (67)
SECOND DIVISION		
K.F.C.	(—)	v. H.K.F.C. (—)
C.C.C.	(—)	v. *P.O.C. (—)
K.C.C.	(52)	v. K.T.G.C.A. (83)
Recreio	(69)	v. H.K.C.C. (36)
THIRD DIVISION		
H.K.F.C.	(67)	v. K.F.C. (67)
I.P.R.C.	(—)	v. I.R.C. (—)
H.K.C.C.	(—)	v. \$Recreio (—)
C.C.C.	(47)	v. K.B.G.O. (69)

* Denotes a promoted team.

† Denotes a demoted team.

\$ New team.

Figures in brackets denote score last year.

YACHT CLUB'S CLOSING CRUISE

For their Closing Cruise Regatta at Middle Island, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club have included three International rowing events, namely the Senior and Junior Fours and the International Pairs. In all there will probably be 9 races.

The premier event of the day will be the International Fours in which England and Scotland (holders) will be putting two evenly matched crews on the water. Recent heavy weather has prevented much training and it is therefore impossible to forecast the probable result of the race.

England will be stroked by John Colls, whose past experience will be their greatest asset. The rest of the crew consists of Potter, Carey and Pidduck.

The Scottish Boat will be stroked by John Moodie with McDowell, Swan and Dalziel behind him.

England have not won this event for many years now and may be relied upon to do all they can to win the trophy from the Scotsmen.

Pair Race

In the Pair Race, Carter and Colls are conceded a very good chance of retaining the International Pair Championship. They have against them a Scandinavian pair stroked by Christensen and a Dutch pair, about whom little is known.

In the Junior Four Race, the English four will be stroked by Noel Beoker, and it is interesting to note that the Dutch four challenging them will be one of the heaviest crews seen here for some while.

Their average weight will be in excess of 176 lb. This should be an interesting race.

The open Sculling Championship has attracted four entries and it is likely that the finalists will be Eastgate and Pidduck. The latter is new to local waters but has had considerable rowing experience on the Thames.

The balance of the programme is composed of a Junior Pairs race and a Scratch four race.

Provided that the weather holds good, spectators are assured of an enjoyable afternoon. Tea will be available and it has been arranged that a bus will transport those members who wish to be at Kellie Island in the evening.

The first race will be at 2.30 p.m.



Second Division

In Second Division Prison Officers' Club, who have been promoted, meet Craiggengower at the Valley and it will be interesting to see how the newcomers fare.

Another good game should be between Kowloon Football Club who have been greatly strengthened, and Hong Kong Football Club, who were in First Division last year.

All the matches will start at 3.30 p.m., except the First Division game between Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" and Kowloon Docks, which will commence at 4 p.m.

BOWLS TERMS

G. Sufflad and A. Bakar (Skip). M. B. Hassan, A. S. Sufflad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).	A. Soutar, H. Brown, W. McHardy and W. Mair (Skip). W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
Reserves:—A. R. M. Samy and S. M. Sadick. KOWLOON TONG	Third Division v Indian R.C. (Home):—C. Gough, R. C. Fitches, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).
Second Division v K.C.C. (Away):—H. A. Castro, J. Tong, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip). N. MacKay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip). H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip). Reserve:—H. Y. Hsu.	J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and A. Aitken (Skip). W. Howell, G. Davies, J. McDonald and J. Alexander (Skip).
First Division v Civil Service O.C. (Away):—A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip). A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).	Reserves for both teams:—C. Pile, C. Willcox, J. Hunter, W. Willetton, S. Smith and R. McKenzie.
K.C.C.	RECREIO
First Division v Civil Service O.C. (Home):—A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip). A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).	First Division "A" v C.C.C. (Home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).
Geo. Lee, G. E. Taylor, A. W. Ramsey and J. Fraser (Skip). Second Division v Kowloon (Home):—R. S. Capell, F. A. Faber, V. C. Labrum and T. W. Carr (Skip).	L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).
T. R. Hunter, E. C. Curtis, J. M. Jack and R. S. Meadows (Skip). A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. Leigh and A. Steven (Skip).	F. X. Sogres, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).
P.R.C.	First Division "B" v K.B.G.C. (Away):—C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).
First Division v Indian R.C. (Home):—G. Perkins, F. Nolan, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip).	D. C. Alves, F. A. Machado, Eddie Sousa and B. Basto (Skip). C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodriguez and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).
Reserves:—Kui Wing-fuk (Eastern), Kam Ka-bo (Sing Tao), Lau Tau-man (Sing Tao), Yee Hop-hing (Eastern) and Fu Tsang-bun (Eastern).	Second Division v H.K.C.C. (Home):—E. L. Barros, F. X. Montelero, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
	Third Division v Craiggengower (Away):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).
	W. M. Wilson, S. G. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).
	W. H. Organ, C. E. Langley, J. S. Dinnen and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).

MOST SUCCESSFUL SOFTBALL SEASON CONCLUDED ON TIME

Best Colony Nines In Both Sections Selected

Sappers Meet Canadians At Baseball To-Day

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE COMPLETION of the League and International series, the softball season has been brought to a most satisfactory conclusion. For the first time, all the games in the Ladies' League were played off, and with the exception of the Recreio-Cyclone tilt, which the former forfeited owing to injuries to players, every team on the Senior league completed their games on time. But no season is complete without an All Star selection based on the season's performances, and here is my selection for an All Hong Kong team.

Mound artist, Den Crary, the outstanding pitcher of the season, holding the record for strike-outs, is easily our choice for slab duties.

Although Crary started the season rather wildy, he has now mastered the art with perfect control, combined with that essential quality—speed.

Although Recreio ace hurler Gerry Gosano, who has not been too generous with his hits, comes a close second to Crary, it must be admitted that Gosano had the air-tight Recreio Aces behind him.

In the receiving department, Mohawk hind-snatcher Joe Morris, with his bullet pegs, which makes it suicide to attempt base-burgling, takes the nod for the job. Morris also belongs to the rare species of hitting catchers.

For the infield, guardian of the initial sack is a toss up between Ernie Hearther of the Mohawks, and Collegian first-sacker Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard. Leonard being one of the handful to sit in the .400 batting circle, takes the assignment for his heavier stick-work.

In our opinion, flashy keystone "Art" Ozorio of the Saints, just about manages to nose out "Baby" Abbas of the Indians for custody of the mid-way satchel. Not only is Ozorio a consistent hitter and a streak of lightning on the base-paths, but ordinary hits over second are right down his alley.

Pete Fitch burly short-stop of the Stanley Tribe, gets first call on the other side of the keystone, with George Souza giving him a good fight for the spot. Fitch's heavier willow wielding with his high double play record gives him the slightest edge over Souza.

At the far turn, Dave "Bambino" Leonard, leading the parade of sluggers gets the pat on the back with his slugging title, and though his fielding at the hot-corner is not exactly dazzling, he delivers the goods on time.

An Imposing Array

For the gardening trio we have an imposing array of hitters to choose from. Hank Sperry and Johnnie Schaberg of the Mohawks; Henry "Showboat" Ali and Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain, of the Saints; Cyclone "Big Boy" Bakar, Indian leading slugger "Savage" Hassan, "Puddle-jumper" Willie Wilson and Johnnie Fisher of the Chinese Baseballers, all come in for consideration.

We hand the bouquets to Hank Sperry, Willie Wilson and Johnnie Schaberg, chiefly for their consistent hitting and ability to thread a needle with their bullet throw-ins.

For the ladies' team, our money is safe with Canuckette fire-ball hurler Mary Ng on the slab, whilst Jackie Anderson's slugging power gives her first chance behind the batter.

At first base, the position is undisputedly Wahoo lead-off batter and winner of the Johnnie "Purity" Pearne's batting prize, Yvonne Yolles.

At the keystone, Irene Castilho and Alice Mar are a pretty hard pair to beat, whilst there is none better qualified than Wildcat Gloria Mar for keeping the hot-corner. Therese Noronha, in the left patch, Ullan Khoo, in the centre and Irene Pereira, patrolling the right, would be our choices outfields, based mainly on

GRANDSTAND'S SELECTION FOR ALL-HONG KONG TEAMS

MEN'S TEAM

Pitcher:—Den Crary (C.B.C.)

Catcher:—Joe Morris (H.K.B.C.)

1st base:—Stan Leonard (St. Joseph's)

2nd base:—Art Ozorio (St. Joseph's)

Short-stop:—Pete Fitch (H.K.B.C.)

3rd base:—Dave Leonard (St. Joseph's)

Left field:—Hank Sperry (H.K.B.C.)

Centre field:—Willie Wilson (C.B.C.)

Right field:—Johnnie Schaberg (H.K.B.C.)

LADIES' TEAM

Pitcher:—Mary Ng (C.C.C.)

Catcher:—Jackie Anderson (Wahoos)

1st base:—Yvonne Yolles (Wahoos)

2nd base:—Alice Mar (C.C.C.)

Short-stop:—Irene Castilho (Wahoos)

3rd base:—Gloria Mar (Wildcats)

Left field:—Theresa Marques (Panthers)

Centre field:—Ullan Khoo (C.C.C.)

Right field:—Irene Pereira (Wildcats)

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR MACAO

Race No. 1

PIET HEIN
DOW-JONES
NATIONAL SUCCESS
Outsider: Lancashire Chap.

Race No. 2

HOPEFUL TIME
MAC'S ADVENTURE
NATIONAL ANTHEM
Outsider: Sports Venture.

Race No. 3
EAGLE
THE MERMAID
CLOUDY STAR
Outsider: Iron Knight.

Race No. 4
LOVELY STAR
PORTRUSH
WEST LAKE
Outsider: King's Worthy.

Race No. 5
FAIRY AUK
FAIRY OUSEL
MEADOW EVE
Outsider: Hogmanay.



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competed for by four teams, was won by a team consisting of Lee Pak-ming, Lee Man-nim and Luk Fung-sang.

It is learned that further basketball and hockey games will be played this afternoon between Middlesex Regiment and Kowloon Skating Rink.

TOBRUK STANDS UP TO SUSTAINED ASSAULTS

Counter-Attack Drives Back Axis Troops

MERSEY BLITZ FOLLOWS SHELLING OF DOVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Luftwaffe's latest blitz was against the West of England and the densely populated Merseyside shipping area, the latter being attacked with flares, fire bombs and explosives. Casualties are admitted to be considerable.

At least one bomber was downed in the raid, which followed a brief Nazi artillery bombardment of the Dover area. — International News Service.

POLITICAL GANG WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai's political gang war continued yesterday with the abduction of the lady secretary of Chow Ling-tsan, head of the Criminal Court, by an armed gang. The outrage took place as she was returning home after a friend's wedding party. — International News Service.

Enemy Lose Heavily In Men And Tanks

THE AXIS FORCES ARE NOW MAKING THE MOST SUSTAINED ATTACK YET DELIVERED AGAINST TOBRUK DECLARED THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, REVIEWING THE POSITION IN THE WESTERN DESERT. HE ADDED THEY ARE USING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF TANKS.

The attack, which already has been progressing two or three days, is being directed against the west and south-west perimeter defences.

British counter-attacks, the spokesman continued, had driven off the attacking forces but fighting was still going on yesterday.

A communiqué issued by British General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday stated:—

In Libya throughout Thursday the enemy continued to attack the outer defences of Tobruk.

Fighting Near Sollum

In one sector our troops counter-attacked with such success that the enemy was driven back, losing 11 tanks and sustaining many casualties.

In other sectors fighting is still

proceeding. Our patrols have again been active in the Sollum area.

In Abyssinia further progress has been made with the repair of road demolition, enabling our forces to increase their pressure on enemy positions covering Maba Alagi.

Our troops have occupied Bahbar and Debub.

Operations continue to progress successfully in the southern areas of Abyssinia.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following appointments etc. were Gazzeted to-day:—

Mr. P. E. F. Cressall to be Puissne Judge of the Supreme Court of H.K.

Mr. E. H. Williams resumed duty as Crown Counsel.

Mr. E. H. Williams to be a temporary additional Judge of the Supreme Court.

Mr. A. H. Elston to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Messrs. R. M. A. Poinsot and W. H. Chen relinquished their duties as Assistant Immigration Officers.

Mr. C. Young relinquished his duties as an Assistant Immigration Officer.

CANCEL OUT PAST REVERSES

ALL COMMENTATORS IN WELLINGTON EMPHASISE NEW ZEALAND'S GRIM DETERMINATION TO MAKE FUTURE SUCCESSES CANCEL OUT PAST REVERSES AND TO MAINTAIN A FULL SHARE IN THE EMPIRE WAR EFFORT UNTIL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED

Meanwhile New Zealand's war activities recently have been marked by an expansion of the air force and facilities for training.

The Minister of Defence stated yesterday that 25,000 recruits had volunteered and the enthusiasm of young men showed no sign of diminishing.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AT WAR WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT

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were already there had passed through.

Provocative Message

British insistence on their treaty rights and the landing of further troops at Basra were followed by a menacing concentration of Iraqi troops round Habbaniyah.

THE LOCAL IRAQI COMMANDER CONVEYED TO THE BRITISH OFFICER COMMANDING AT HABBANIYAH A PROVOCATIVE MESSAGE THAT NO FLIGHTS OR TROOP MOVEMENTS AT HABBANIYAH WOULD BE PERMITTED, UNDER THREAT OF BOMBARDMENT.

Representations by the British Ambassador to Rashid Ali, to secure the withdrawal of the Iraqi troops, were disregarded.

It was added in London there is reason to believe that a considerable section of the Iraqi population deplores Rashid's anti-British policy and would welcome a restoration of the friendly relations formerly existing between the two countries. — Reuter.

BIRTH

FINCHER—On 3rd May, 1941, at Queen Mary Hospital, to Irene, wife of E. F. Fischer a daughter, Irene Frances.

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